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PERSELL BUCK AND ALLIED FAMILIES

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.
JUNE 1956

I. JOHN PERSELL

d. 1680

married

Judith

John Persell of Huntington County, England was in New Amsterdam as early as 1648. There is some indication in the records that he was engaged in the West India trade. He was later at Dutch Kills, Long Island and was of "Newtown," Long Island in 1666. In that year, a

Land Patent was granted by the Duke of York to Capt. Richard Betts, Capt. Thomas Lawrence, John Parcell, William Parcel, Thomas Parcoll and others. In 1686 a charter confirming their holdings was confirmed by Governor Thomas Dongan to "patentees and freeholders John Parcell, William Parcell, Thomas Parcell." In 1670 John Parcel was appointed with Burger, Wandell, and Captain Lawrence to superintend the laying out of highways. (The name is variously spelled in all the early records.) John Parsell died at Newtown about 1680. The exact date is not known, but it was before 1684, when Judith Parsell is found in the records as his widow.

His will, dated May 7, 1677 mentions wife Judith; children Thomas, William, John and Katherine. Executors: Capt. Richard Betts and Jonathan Hazard. Witnesses: Henry Hedges, John Callen, Richard Carlton.

Town Records - Newtown, L. I.

Annals of Newtown - James Riker

History of Haarlem - James Riker

II. WILLIAM PERSELL Son of John and Judith Persell, resided in Newtown, L.I. He was twice married; first b.1660 d.1728 to Maria Pieters and second to Maria Jans.

married

1st.

His will, dated December 22, 1724, was proved October 6, 1728 and is filed as an Unrecorded Will in New York. It Reads:

Maria Pieters

In the name of God, Amen. I, William Parcoll, of Newtown, Queens County, being sick... To my son Nicholas, the Plantation where I now live, 750 acres; six and one-half acres of salt meadows, and a negro man. To my wife, one fourth of all my grain that shall be raised on my farms both here and in the Jersies; also a room in my house and an acre of land. I also leave her my Indian woman. To my son Walter, a Plantation in New Jersey, 140 acres, and a negro boy. He is to pay my son Jacob 50 on May 3, 1731. To my sons Thomas and Abraham, my plantation in Elizabethtown, New Jersey, and each a negro boy.

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II. WILLIAM PERSELL
(cont'd)

To my daughter Abigail a negro woman,
and a cow that was my daughter Catherine's.
To son Abraham, a loom with tackling and
a cutlass.
To son Thomas, my sword.
All the rest to my four sons.
I make my beloved cousin John Parsell and my
my neighbor Isaac Burgan (Brokaw), execu-
tors. Witnesses: Jacob Blackwell, George
Van Alst, John Colger.

Children: (By 1st. wife Maria Pieters)

1. Nicholas, bapt. Dutch Church, New York,
June 10, 1696. Sponsors:
Jacob Phoenix and Maria
Pieters, mother of the child.
2. Judith, bapt. Same day, same spon-
(Ytie) sors. Married Robert Cok.

(By 2nd. wife Maria Jans)

3. Thomas, bapt. May 18, 1698
4. Walter, bapt. April 1, 1702
5. Jacob, mentioned in father's will.
6. Abraham, m. Jannetje Van Iveren.
7. Abigail, m. m. Henry Brasier.
8. Catherine, mentioned in father's will.

Nicholas, Thomas, Walter and Abraham re-
moved to New Jersey. Jacob seems
to have lived in New York.

III. NICHOLAS PERSELL

b.1696 d.1767

married

October 5, 1717
Hackensack, N.J.

Geertje Kool

Son of William and Maria (Pieters) Parcell
removed to New Jersey. The marriage re-
cord of the Dutch Church in Hackensack
reads:

Nicholaes Persel, young man born Long Isl-
land and Gertje Kool, young woman born in
New York, both living in Bergen County.

His wife was a descendant of Barent Kool,
an early settler in New Amsterdam.

Nicholas Persell died intestate in New
Jersey. Letters of administration on the
Estate of Nicholas Persell were issued
Nov. 18, 1767 at Elizabethtown, N.J., to
Thomas Parcell and Rachel Parcell.

(Archives of New Jersey)

Children:

1. Jacob-bapt. Dutch Church, Hackensack, N.J.,
July 19, 1719

PERSELL LINEAGE

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III. NICHOLAS PERSELL
(cont'd.)

2. Maritje - bapt. May 20, 1722 Hackensack,
N. J.

3. Jan (John) bapt. May 3, 1724. Sponsors:
Barent Kool and Tryntie Kool.
Dutch Church, Hackensack.

4. William bapt. August 21, 1726 "

IV. JOHN PERSELL

b. 1724 d.

married

Dutch Church, N. Y.

Feb. 23, 1744

Son of Nicholas and Geertje (Kool) Parcell,
lived in Bergen County, New Jersey, and
later removed to Rockland and Orange
Counties, N. Y.

His wife was a descendant of Michael Paulus
VanderWoerd who came from Flanders and
married in New Amsterdam, 1640, Maria, the
daughter of Joris Rappalje, one of the 12
first "Great Burghers" of New Amsterdam.

Neeltje VanderWoerd Children of John and Neeltje (VanderWoerd)
Persell:

1. Neeltje, bapt. Feb. 16, 1746.
Dutch Church, Tappan (Rockland
County), N. Y. Married Jacob
Meirs.

2. Geertje, bapt. July 3, 1748 - Tappan
D. C. She apparently died
young.

3. Elsje, bapt. Feb. 21, 1750, Tappan.
Married Capt. Joseph Allison.

4. Nicholas, bapt. July 10, 1751, Dutch
Church, New York, Sponsors:
Nicholas Persall and Geertje
Kool, his wife.

5. John)
6. Elizabeth), Twins. Bapt. April 4, 1753,
Dutch Church, N. Y. Sponsors:
Abraham Parsell and Jannetje
Van Iveren, his wife; Peter
VanderVoort and Sara Snediker,
his wife.

7. Geertje, bapt. April 13, 1755, Clarks-
town. Sponsors: Paulus
VanderVoort and Maria Spring-
steen, his wife. Married
Abraham Stagg.

8. Paulus, bapt. July 14, 1757 Clarkstown

9. Jacob, bapt. May 27, 1759 "

10. Petrus, bapt. May 15, 1763 "

11. Abraham, bapt. March 2, 1766 "

IV. JOHN PERSELL
(cont'd.)Children (cont'd.):12. William, bapt. March 1, 1761, Clarkstown.
-----V. JACOB PERSELL

b.1759 d.1834

married

Rachel Knapp

b. 1764 d. 1825

Son of John and Neeltjie (VanderWoerd) Persell lived in Haverstraw and Mayfield, N. Y. He died November 21, 1834. His will, dated June 19, 1832, was probated in the Surrogate's Court of Montgomery County, at Fonda, N. Y. Mentions wife Catherine (2nd. marriage) and children: Betsy, Ann, Rachel, Susannah, Sally, Jacob, Samuel, Catherine.

His first wife Rachel died April 2, 1825, in her 62nd. year and is buried in the village cemetery, Broadalbin, N. Y. (Cemetery-Gravestone Inscription.)

NOTE ON THE PARENTAGE OF JACOB PERSELL - REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER.

In the Deleted Section of the Pearsall Genealogy (unpublished) on file at the New York Public Library, the authors omit entirely the record of the birth and baptism of Jacob Persell, born March 12, 1759 and baptized at Clarkstown May 27, 1759, a son of John and Neeltje (VanderVoort) Persell. Instead, they give a Jacob, baptized at Schraalenburgh, New Jersey, January 3, 1762, as the Revolutionary soldier who died in Mayfield, New York, quoting from his application for a pension as "proof"(?) that he belongs in the line to which they have ascribed him. The year of his birth is given as 1759, as obtained from his pension application.

For clarification of the record, the following is offered:

This Jacob, baptized January 3, 1762, at Schraalenburgh, N. J., could not have been born in 1759, since his parents, Jan and Maria (Liversey) Persell had a son Dirck born July 24, 1759 and baptized at Schraalenburgh August 19, 1759. Obviously, they could not have had a son Jacob born March 12, 1759 at Haverstraw.

It was, moreover, the custom to have children baptized as soon as possible after birth - a delay of three years was unknown, except in rare instances when there was some very special reason.

Jacob Persell, Revolutionary soldier has, therefore, been misplaced by the authors of the Pearsall Genealogy.

An additional point is also to be considered; namely, the Dutch Churches at Tappan and Hackensack were sometimes served by the same pastor and records of a family may appear in both places. This, however, does not apply to Schraalenburgh, which was some distance removed.

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Research Genealogist

December 15, 1949

PERSELL LINEAGE

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VI. SAMUEL PERSELL

b.1801 d.1841

married

Matilda W.

Son of Jacob and Rachel (Knapp) Persell, resided in Montgomery County, N. Y. Mayville, N. Y. (1820), then Ogdenburgh, N. Y. He died of pneumonia on a boat on Lake Erie. His widow, Matilda W. Persell, married again.

Children of Samuel and Matilda W. Persell:

1. Samantha, b. Dec. 24, 1820, m. William Delila Robert Sparks.
2. Nancy J., b. Oct. 19, 1822, m. a Mr. Vance of Ludlow, Pa.
3. Matilda A., b. April 18, 1826, m. a Mr. Gould of Frewsburg, N. Y.
4. William James, b. June 18, 1830, at Ogdenburgh, N. Y.
5. Jacob, P., b. Oct. 17, 1833, lived 11 days.
6. Catherine, b. Aug. 18, 1836, d. June 28, 1842
7. Sarah, b. April 11, 1834, lived four months

VII. WILLIAM JAMES PERSELL

b.1830 d. 1902

married 1859

Lucretia
Greenville
Ratcliff

Son of Samuel and Matilda W. Persell, could not get along with his stepfather and ran away from home to Pennsylvania. He obtained employment in a sawmill and paid his expenses through Allegheney College, Meadville, Pa. He moved south in 1849 to Vicksburgh, Mississippi, where he taught for two years in a female college; then to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he married and lost his bride of three months in the yellow fever epidemic of 1853; moved to Amite County, Mississippi, and then to Pike County, Mississippi, where he became the first Superintendant of education; m. 2nd., Lucretia Greenville Ratcliff, Feb. 12, 1856.

Children of William James and Lucretia (Ratcliff) Persell:

1. Ardella Oretha, b. Nov. 30, 1856, m. Frank Gould (son of Matilda A. Persell who married Mr. Gould).
 2. Sidney Davis, b. July 29, 1859, m. Emma Cornelia Cotten.
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VIII. SIDNEY DAVIS

PERSELL

b. 1859 d. 1933

married 1881

Emma

Cornelia

Cotten

Son of William James and Lucretia (Ratcliff) Persell, was born in Amite County, Mississippi. His family later moved to Summit, Mississippi, where he was raised and attended school. After finishing his education he secured employment with Dr. Curtis who not only practiced medicine but also conducted a drug store. Here he learned the drug business which he practiced all of his life. When Mississippi passed a pharmacy law he was one of the first to be licensed to practice pharmacy. While conducting the Curtis Pharmacy he married Emma Cornelia Cotten on February 24, 1881 at Summit. She was the daughter of William A. Cotten (once mayor of Summit) and Aletha Ann (Jackson) Cotten. He lived at Natchez, Mississippi; Laurel, Mississippi; New Orleans, Louisiana; Nehalem, Oregon; and Madison, Mississippi, where he owned and operated the Madison Drug Store until his death on September 17, 1933. He is buried at Summit, Mississippi, in the Persell Family lot.

Children of Sidney Davis Persell and Emma (Cotten) Persell:

Two daughters died in infancy.

Ralph Gould b. February 21, 1882 at Summit,
m. September 27, 1904, Marion
Buck.

IX. RALPH GOULD

PERSELL

b. 1882 d. 1950

m. Sept. 27, 1904

Marion Buck

Son of Sidney Davis and Emma (Cotten) Persell, was born at Summit, Mississippi, February 21, 1882. He married September 27, 1904, Marion Buck, the daughter of Colonel Samuel Henry and Annie (Fleming) Buck of "The Towers", Natchez, Mississippi. He died at 11:15 p.m. October 2, 1950, at Madison, Mississippi.

Children of Ralph Gould and Marion (Buck) Persell:

1. Margaret Fleming. b. December 12, 1905,
at Natchez, Mississippi,
m. George Matthew Marshall
of "Lansdowne," Natchez,
Mississippi.

2. Ralph Mountjoy b. September 17, 1908, at
New Iberia, Louisiana; m.
November 16, 1937, at
Akron, Ohio, Lois Eliza-
beth Allred of Moodville,
Mississippi.

at Jackson, Mississippi

child: Ralph Mountjoy Persell
born Oct. 1, 1939 at Jackson

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IX. RALPH GOULD

PERSELL

(cont'd.)

3. Anne Isabel
Fleming

b. August 16, 1910, at
Natchez, Mississippi; m.
Edgar Lawrance Gill of
New Orleans, Louisiana.

I. BARENT JACOBSEN
KOOL

b. ca. 1605 d.

married

Marretje Leenderts
Degrauw

He was of Holland Dutch ancestry. He first appears on the Civil Records of New Amsterdam on June 8, 1633, at which time he held office in the Dutch West India Company. It is probable that he came to America with Peter Minuit in 1625. He occupied a house belonging to the Government on Brugh (Bridge) Street.

Valentine's History of New York
pp. 121 - 124

" Manual of the Common
Council for 1649...p.356ff.

On May 5, 1654, Barent Kool was appointed one of two excise-men whose duty it was to guard the beer and wine trade against fraud. He continued to hold office until 1661, and appears from time to time in official records. His will has not been found and the date of his death is not known.

The Dutch Church Records contain the records of the baptisms of all of his children except Jacob, who was born before the church records begin. There is abundant evidence that Jacob was his son in other records and by the fact that he was known as Jacob Barentsen Kool,
(i. e. "son of Barent.")

Marretje DEGRAUW was the daughter of Leendert DeGrauw, an early immigrant to New Amsterdam, of Walloon ancestry.

Children:

Jacob Barentsen Kool,	b. ca. 1638	
Aeltje - bapt.	Sept. 23,	1640
Divertje - "	Feb. 1,	1643
Appollonia - "	Jan. 29,	1645
Leendert - "	Dec. 1,	1647
Arent - "	Oct. 9,	1650- died soon
Theunis - "	Aug. 17,	1653
Arent - "	Oct. 10,	1655
Pieter - "	Aug. 29,	1657

Records of the Dutch Church in New York

II. JACOB BARENTSEN

KOOL

b. ca. 1638 d.

married

Marretje Simons

The first American born ancestor of the Kool family was the son of Barent Kool and Marretje DeGrauw. He and his wife settled near Kingston, New York, where their first five children were baptised in the Dutch Church. In the baptismal records he appears as Jacob Barentsen and Jacob Barentsen Kool, unmistakably identifying him as the son of Barent Kool. His home was at Esopus, near Kingston, as appears in the records of deeds of Ulster County, in which his name is given as Jacob Barentsen Kool.

His wife's surname is not known; she was the daughter of Simon_____.

Children:

Barent -	bapt.	Mar. 27, 1661	died young
Barent -	"	Nov. 18, 1663	" "
Simon -	"	Feb. 1, 1665	
Arent -	"	Mar. 7, 1666	
Marretje-	"	" "	" "
Barent -	"	Nov. 14, 1668	
Clartje -	"	Oct. 21, 1671	
<u>Jacob</u> -	"	Jan. 1, 1673	

The last three were baptized in the Dutch Church in New York. The mother's name appears as "Marretje Simons." They were probably married in Kingston. (The marriage record does not appear on the church record)

III. JACOB KOOL

b. 1673 d. ca. 1718 Son of Jacob Kool and Marretje.

married

Barbara Hanse

"daughter of
John"

(surname lost)

He and his wife settled at Tappan, Rockland County, where they were received as members of the Dutch Church Oct. 23, 1695. At that time Jacob Kool was one of only 54 white men and his wife one of 49 white women in the entire county. (Census of 1702) Some of their children were baptized at Hackensack, N. J., but they did not reside there. The only pastor of the entire region was Dominie Bertholf, who had several churches in his charge and no doubt held baptismal services alternately. (The distance was only 12 miles.) Jacob Kool was an elder of the church at Tappan and contributed to its support. The date of his death is not known, but

III. JACOB KOOL

(continued). his widow appears as a witness at a baptism on Nov. 23, 1719.

Children of Jacob Kool and Barbara Hanse Kool:

<u>Geertje</u> -	bapt.	Aug. 11, 1695-New York
Jacob -	"	Oct. 14, 1697-Tappan
Tryntie-	"	Feb. 2, 1700-Hackensack
Jan -	"	Apr. 16, 1702-Tappan
Barent -	"	June 10, 1705-New York
Abraham-	"	Nov. 2, 1707-Hackensack

Dutch Church Records

IV. GEERTJE KOOL

married

See Persell Lineage - page 2.

NICHOLAS PERSELL

Ref: The Year Books of the St. Nicholas Society.

See also: "Isaac Kool (Cool or Cole) and Catherine Serven - Their Descendants and Ancestors" by Rev. David Cole, D. D. (A descendant of Barent Kool and author of "A History of Rockland County." An authority on the early Dutch Church Records, many of which he translated and transcribed.)

In his book on the Kool family, page 31: "On the New York records I find the marriage of John Parsell and Neeltje Vandevoort. I have little doubt that this John was a child of Geertje. They appear at once on the baptismal records at Tappan.." (See record of John's baptism at Hackensack, in Persell Lineage.)

I. NICHOLAS KNAPP

b. d. Sept. 16,
1670

married (1st)

Eleanor

Nicholas Knapp came from England with the Winthrop Fleet in 1630. He lived first at Watertown, Mass., where he married Eleanor _____. He moved to Weathersfield, Conn. and finally to Stamford, Conn. where he settled in 1649. He married 2nd, Unica _____, widow of Peter Brown and formerly the widow of _____ Buxton, by whom he had no children.

b. d. Aug. 16,
1658

His will, dated February 15, 1670 and proved October 31, 1670 mentions his children and also the children of his 2nd wife by her first marriage (Buxton).

Children: (All by his first wife.)

Timothy, Joshua, Caleb, Sarah, Ruth, Hannah, Moses, Lydia.

II. JOSHUA KNAPP

b. Nov. 5, 1634

d. Oct. 27, 1684
Greenwich, Conn.

married
June 9, 1657

Hannah Close

Son of Nicholas and Eleanor () Knapp; he was one of the original patentees of the Town of Greenwich, Conn.

His widow married 2nd - John Bowers. She was the daughter of "Goodman" Close who settled in Fairfield, Conn., before 1644 and died 1653.

Letters of Administration of the Estate of Joshua Knapp were granted March 10, 1684 at Stamford, Conn.

Children:

Hannah, Joshua, Jonathan, Joseph, Ruth, Timothy, Benjamin, Caleb.

III. BENJAMIN KNAPP

b. ca. 1674

d. 1716
(Greenwich)

married
Feb. 28, 1700

Elizabeth
Butler

Son of Joshua and Hannah (Close) Knapp (aged 10 when his father died.)

Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin, was the daughter of Walter and Rebecca () Butler. She married 2nd, _____ Seager.

Letters of Administration of the Estate of Benjamin Knapp were granted to his widow Elizabeth March 7, 1717, Stamford.

Children:

Martha, Ruth, Benjamin, Joshua, Elizabeth, Joseph, David, James, Daniel.

References:

History of Greenwich by Spencer F. Mead, pp
595-600
Genealogy of Benjamin Cleveland, p. 229
Connecticut Probate Court

IV. BENJAMIN
KNAPPb. April 17,
1704d. Aug. 16,
1772(Orange, now
Rockland Co.,
New York)

married

June 3, 1731

Susannah
Miller

Son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Butler) Knapp, he
moved from Greenwich, Conn., to Haverstraw, Orange
County, New York. Was a farmer and land-owner.

"In the old burial ground at Clarkstown, on a
large sand-stone slab" is inscribed:

"Here lies the body of Benjamin Knapp,
Sener, & departed this life August 16,
1772.

Cole - History of Rockland Co., p.28

Children:

Benjamin, Elizabeth, Samuel, Susannah, Daniel,
Rachel, Mary, Hannah, Deborah, Rebecca.

His will, dated August 5, 1772, was proved in
New York October 23, 1772.

History of Greenwich
New York State Probate Court
Records

V. BENJAMIN
KNAPP

b. 1732

d.

married
ca. 1755Hannah
Henne

Son of Benjamin and Susannah (Miller) Knapp,
lived in Rockland (Orange) County, where he
married and where his children were born. No
record of his death or probate of his will has
been found. His son, Benjamin S. Knapp, left
a will, probated in New York in 1822, leaving
his entire estate to his wife Catherine. The
will of Catherine Knapp, probated in Kings Co.,
October 26, 1842, leaves "pew No. 73 in North
Dutch Church of New York City to the children
of John I. Labagh. Apparel to Catherine Knapp
McCleary; furniture to Margaret, the wife of
John Carpenter, physician. The balance of the
estate, with portrait of my husband, to David,
Samuel, and Solomon Knapp, brothers of said
Benjamin S. Knapp, and to Susan, wife of
Francis Gurnee, and Rachel, wife of Jacob Parsell,
sisters of said Husband, Benjamin S. Knapp."

V. BENJAMIN KNAPP
(cont'd)

In October, 1842, the Petition of the Executor, John Leveridge, shows that testatrix died in March, 1842 "leaving no next of kin or heir-at-law except Elizabeth Lindsay, widow, of New York City and Peter Labagh and Magdalen Labagh, of New Jersey, which said persons are cousins of testatrix."

Probate Court Records - New York
Probate Court Records - Kings
County

Children of Benjamin and Hannah (Henne) Knapp:

Benjamin S.- b. 1757, d. N. Y. 1822. m. 2nd,
Catherine _____, d. 1842.

David - removed to Montgomery County (Cen-
sus of 1800). In 1815 he was
executor of will of Benjamin
Runels, to which Francis Gurnee
was a witness.

Solomon- removed to Montgomery County (Cen-
sus of 1800). In 1812 he and
Jacob Persells were witnesses to
the will of Abel Mott.

Samuel - no further record, except in will
of Catherine Knapp.

Susan - married Francis Gurnee, whose
sister, Rachel Gurnee, married
Paul Percell. (will of Isaac Gurnee
proved August 20, 1808 -
Orange County).

Rachel - b. 1764, married Jacob Persell.

Census Records-New York-1800
Probate Records-New York
Probate Records-Orange County
Probate Records-Montgomery County

Pension Records-National Archives,
Washington, D.C., show that Jacob
Persell's application was witness-
ed by Francis Gurnee, David Knapp,
and Solomon Knapp; Francis Gurnee's
application was witnessed by
Rachel Percell, widow of Paul, and
Jacob Persell.

N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Society Colls.
MSS, Records-Descendants of Nicholas

V. BENJAMIN KNAPP
(cont'd)

Knapp, compiled by Dickson Q. Brown, former
Secretary, Knapp Family Association.
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VI. RACHEL KNAPP

Daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Henne) Knapp:

b. 1764
d. 1825

Records of the Probate Court, Montgomery
County, lists their children:

married

JACOB PERSELL

B. 1759
d. 1834

John - deceased, widow Rachel _____.
Betsy - married Edmond Chase.
Ann - married Charles Stroud.
Rachel - married Samuel Boulton.
Susannah - married Hugh Boulton
Sally - married Andrew Mitchell
Jacob - b. May 26, 1797; married Feb. 12,
1816, Phebe Peck.
Samuel - b. January 1, 1801; d. April 28,
1841; married Matilda W.
(Sept. 10, 1800-Jan. 16, 1864).
Catherine-married John Wilson. 1

Jacob Persell married 2nd, Catherine _____
and had children Huldah and Nellie.

I. MICHAEL PAULUS

VANDERVOORT

married
18 Nov. 1640

Maria Rappalje

He came as a young man, from "der Monde" in Flanders. The marriage record reads:

"Michael Paulus, young nam from der Monde in Flanders, and Maria Rappalje, young woman from New Netherlands."

His wife was the daughter of Joris Rappalje and Catrina Tricot his wife.

Children: (Bapt. Dutch Church, New York)

1. Michale - 19 January 1642. Sponsors:
Pieter Lookermans, Hans Norman, Cathrina Tricot.

2. Josyntie - 20 December 1643. Sponsors:
Joris Rappalje, Jan Aertsen, Tryntie Everts.

3. Paulus - 3 January 1649. Sponsors:
Joris Rappalje and his wife.

4. Jan - 2 December 1650. Sponsors:
Adrian Dirckszen, Hendrik Pieterszen, Gretje Gerrits, Hester Jans.

5. Hendrik - 22 August 1655

6. Joris - 18 October 1656

References:

Early Records of Kings County, by Teunis G. Bergen (1881) p. 326

History of the Rappalje Family in Holgate's American Antiquity.

Records of the Dutch Church, New York

II. PAULUS MICHAELSZ

VANDERVOORT

married

Lysbeth

Son of Michael Paulus and Maria (Rappalje) Vandervoort. The inventory of his estate was taken 24 April 1685. His widow Lysbeth married Claes Barentsen Blom (Banns 18 April 1685; m. 26 April 1685 - Flatbush church Records.)

He was baptized 3 January 1649; died 2 June 1681.

Children:

(Possibly Michael, Cornelius and Peter-

II. PAULUS MICHAELSZ
VANDERVOORT

(cont.) but not conclusively proven,
and:

Paulus - baptized Flatbush Church
8 July, 1681 - "father Paulus,
previously deceased; mother
Lysbeth, widow of Paulus".

III. PAULUS VANDERVOORT

bpt. 8 July 1681

d. (was living 1734)

m. ca. 1708

Son of Paulus and Lysbeth VanderVoort.
On 10 July, 1734, letters of administration were granted to Paulus VanderVoort in the estate of Elizabeth Blom, late of Kings Co., N.Y., who died intestate.

Neeltje Staats

b. 30 April 1691

d. October 1736

(Schenck, p. 76)

The records of this generation are meager, but there are indications that Paulus v.d. Voort removed to Somerset County, N.Y., where (probably) he married and died, and where his children were born. The records of Somerset County, previous to 1785, were destroyed by fire, and the early records of the Millstone, N. J. Church have been lost. It was apparently in this locality where the Schenck family, the Staats family and the v.d.Voort family lived. The following data has been assembled from church records, Probate Court Records and from "Johannes Schenck of Bushwick, L.I." by Marguerite Schenck Maird and Gladys Muller (1948) and from "Ancestral Lines (A Book of Ghosts) by Herbert Drake Halsey (1927), as well as other sources cited.

Children of Paulus and Neeltje (Staats)
VanderVoort:

1. Paul - b. ca. 1710 (?) - see Halsey p. 154 - was living Rockland County, N.Y. in 1741, when he witnessed the will of George Remsen. Died after 1755. m. Maria Springsteen, daughter of David Springsteen and Antje VanLetten, b. 4 Jan. 1719. (See Springsteen Family Notes - MSS. Griffin Coll. N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Society). Their daughter Neeltje was bpt. 14 Oct 1750 - Sponsors: Jan Persel and Neeltje VanderVoort.

Paul and Maria (Springsteen) v.d. Voort were sponsors at the baptism of Geertje, daughter of Jan Persel and Neeltje v.d. Voort 13 April 1755

- III. PAULUS Children of Paulus and Neeltje (Staats) VanderVoort:
- VANDERVOORT
(cont'd)
2. John- b. ca. 17__ m. _____. His will dated 9 April 1785, probated Somerset Co., N.J. 7 Dec. 1799 mentions daughters Charity, Elizabeth, Nelly, Katy, Elsey, and sons Gabriel and Paul. The will of this son Paul, dated 2 May 1789 and probated also 7 Dec. 1799, mentions brother Gabriel and sister Nelly's daughter Elizabeth Paulding. (No indication as to whether Elizabeth Paulding was married or not.)
3. Peter- b. ca. 17__ m. Sarah Snediker, daughter of Abraham and sister of Abraham Snediker of Haverstraw, N.Y., whose will was dated 24 June 1771, probated New York City 5 Nov. 1771, and mentions sister Sarah VanderVoort and brother-in-law Peter VanderVoort and their children Peter V.d. Voort and Neeltje, wife of Joseph Johnson. Peter and Sarah (Snediker) VanderVoort were sponsors at the baptism of John and Elizabeth, children of John Persell and Neeltje v.d.Voort, at Dutch Church, N.Y. 4 April, 1753.
4. Elsie- b. 23 August 1720. d. 2 Oct. 1784. m. 1740 Judge Abraham Schenck, (see Schenck's Genealogy, p. 77).
5. Neeltje- b. 1724 (?). This date is given in Virkust Compendium of American Gen., v.3, p.240. but no reference is cited. However, all indications appear to be conclusive that she belongs here. A careful study by this compiler (Note: Mrs. Atkinson) of data available on other members of the VanderVoort family and its connections, who appear in church, county, town, and probate court records, 1700-1800, eliminates the possibility of placing Neeltje v.d.Voort correctly in any other branch of this family. The similarity of given names, sponsorships at baptisms, witnesses of wills and intermarriages, support the findings as here set forth, as to the parentage and ancestry of Nelly v.d.Voort who m. 23 Feb. 1744 - John Persell.
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It is said by historians that the early origin of this family was Italian, from a town in Italy called Rapella. They emigrated to France in the 11th century, and possessed large estates in Bretagne, ranking among the French nobility. Some distinguished themselves as military leaders in the Crusades; others were celebrated for political and professional talent. In the religious wars of the 16th century they were known as Protestants and became victims of papal animosity and were expelled from France.

Of this family were:

Gaspard Coligni de Rapella(Chatillon)	
Abraham Colet de Rapella	"
Bricje Colet de Rapella	"

It should be borne in mind that the families retained the names in most instances of both the male and the female lines of descent.

Children of Abraham Jansen de Rapella (Rappelje):

William Jansen Rappalje
Joris Jansen Rappalje
Antoine Jansen Rappalje

They were Huguenots.

I. JORIS JANSSEN RAPPALJE "from New Rochelle in France" was the common ancestor of the family in America. He came to this country in the ship Unity in 1623 and settled first at Fort Orange (Albany) New York. He was one of the Twelve Men chosen 29 August 1642 as the first representative assembly ever convened on Manhattan Island. He removed to Brooklyn in 1626, where he built the first log house near the site of the present navy yard. In 1639 he bought from Indians the land now occupied by the U.S. Marine Hospital. He served in a prominent capacity in the affairs of the colony and was a Magistrate from 1655 to 1662. He died about 1665. His wife,

I. JORIS JANSEN
RAPPALJE

(Cont.)

born in Paris in 1605, died 1 September 1689.
She was Catrina Tricot.

"The deposition of Catalina Trico de Rapaelji
aged four score years or thereabouts, declares in
the presence of God... That she came to this
Province in the year one thousand six hundred and
twenty three or four..." N. Y. Hist. Soc. Coll.
sv. 35

Children of Joris Jansen Rappalje and Catrina
Tricot, as taken from the original record and
preserved in the Library of the New York Histori-
cal Society:

1. Sara Jorisse - b. June 9, 1625 (First white female
childborn in New Netherlands).
2. Maritje - b. Mar. 16, 1627 m. at age 13,
Michael Paulus VanderVoort.
3. Jannetje - b. Aug. 18, 1629
4. Judith - b. July 5, 1635
5. Jan - b. August 28, 1637
6. Jacob - b. May 28, 1639
7. Catalyntje - b. March 28, 1641
8. Jeronimus - b. June 27, 1643
9. Annetje - b. February 8, 1646
10. Elizabeth - b. March 28, 1648
11. Daniel - b. December 29, 1650

For children of Michael VanderVoort and Maria
Rappalje, see VanderVoort lineage.

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I. THOMAS BUCK

b.1618
d.ca.1659

was, according to Walter H. Buck (The Buck Family in Virginia), the first of this family to come to this country from England. He was the grandson of Peter Buck of Rochester who lived there in 1592 and was the grandson of Sir Peter Buck. On August 21, 1635, at the age of 17, he sailed from Gravesend, England, in a vessel named "The George," for Virginia.

Children:

Thomas, b. 1649 d. May 19, 1729

II. THOMAS BUCK

He was a landowner in York County, Va., in 1704. He married Elizabeth Wooding.

Children:

Thomas, b. 1682 d. 1727

III. THOMAS BUCK

He lived in York County. He executed a will as Thomas Buck, Jr., in which he named his children (York County Records, Book 16, page 532).

Children:

1. Thomas, married in Virginia. Moved to Tenn. Thence to Georgia and was lost sight of. Owned much of the land in Powell Valley, Tenn., which was lost by mislocating the deed.

2. John

3. Charles, d. 1771

IV. CHARLES BUCK

d. 1771

married

Letitia
(Sorrell)
Wilcox

Of the Valley. His original seat was "Buckton," eight miles above Front Royal on the North Branch of the Shenandoah River. He is the first to appear on the Family Tree which gives the details of the family history from 1750 to 1900. The entry reads:

"Charles Buck, married Miss Earle by whom he had child "John" - then her Aunt Mrs. Wilcox, who had, by previous marriage two daughters; one of whom married Earle and moved to South Carolina; the other married Warren and went to Danville, Ky. Mrs. Wilcox's maiden name was Lotitia Sorrell - She was the mother of Thomas and Charles Buck."

According to a manuscript written April 17, 1880 by William M. Buck of "Bel Air," Warren County, Va., "He removed from Westmoreland into the Valley about the year 1735, having purchased of Lord Fairfax a considerable body of land on the south side of the North Branch of the

IV. CHARLES BUCK

(Cont.) Shenandoah River, of which Water Lick was near the center, and at which point he built and settled his family. The attraction to this place seems to have been the deer lick and the abundance and variety of game it afforded. He was much devoted to horse-racing, hunting, and we may suppose to all the convivialities of the day. He also purchased of William Russell (grantee) a tract of land on the South Branch of the Shenandoah in 1740, which included the two farms called "Clover Hill" and "Cedar Hill".

He was commissioned a lieutenant of militia on August 20, 1751 and participated in the Indian Wars (Frederick County Clerks Office, order book 4, p. 16). He was a member of the vestry of Frederick Parish at the same time as Lord Fairfax.

By his will dated Feb. 4, 1771 he devised 3,894 acres of land in what is now Warren County, and also a one-half acre wharf lot, next to the public wharf, at Dumfries on Quantico Creek near the Potomac.

His three sons married three sisters, the daughters of William Richardson and Isabella Calmes his wife.

Children:

By his first wife, Miss Earle-

1. John of "Buckton," married Miriam Richardson (b Dec. 27 1748); children: Sallie John L., William Richardson, Isabella, Anne, Peter C., Charles, Amelia, Ann, and Elizabeth.

By his second wife, Letitia (Sorrell) Wilcox-

2. Charles

of "Clover Hill," six miles up the South Branch of the Shenandoah from Front Royal, married April 13, 1775, Mary Richardson.

3. Thomas

of "Bel Air," which is near and overlooks Front Royal. He married Anne Richardson (b. Oct. 10, 1756). According to his grandson, Wm. M. Buck of "Bel Air," he was one of the most useful and active public men of his day. He was a member of the Baptist Church at 15 years of age, a magistrate surveyor at 18, and at 19 was

IV. CHARLES BUCK

(cont.)

commissioned by the Committee of Safety of the Colony of Virginia as County Lieutenant and was Captain of a Volunteer Company at the close of the Revolution; was thrice High Sheriff of Frederic County (which then passed by seniority to the oldest magistrate) and in 1815 was sent as a special delegate to the legislature. He accumulated a large estate which he divided among his children, only reserving for himself "Bel Air" with about one hundred acres of land and 1500 acres of woodland on the west side of the Shenandoah River. He was a consistent and humble Christian all his life."

Children of Thomas of "Bel Air"; William R., Marcus C., Isaac Newton, Henrietta (Calmes), Isabella (Conn), Mary Anne (Bayly), Rebecca R. (Ashby), Elizabeth P. (Blakemore), Letitia Amelia (Blakemore).

V. CHARLES BUCK

b.1750 d.1823

married

Mary Richardson

Charles Buck (b. Oct. 28, 1750 d. Aug. 2, 1823), the son of the first Charles Buck who moved to the Valley, lived at "Clover Hill" and "Buckton." He married April 3, 1775, Mary Richardson (b. Aug. 31, 1752 d. Oct. 24, 1828).

Children:

1. Mary, married Dr. William Mountjoy Bayly
 2. John B., married Sallie Catlett
 3. Samuel Mountjoy, married Mary Bayly
 4. Rev. Thomas, married Amelia Dawson
 5. Rebecca, married S. Churchill
 6. Rev. William C., married 1st. Marian Leright
2nd. Miriam B. Field
 7. Charles, married Lucy Bayliss.
 8. Letitia, married George Catlett
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VI.

SAMUEL M. BUCK

b.1783, d.1841

Samuel Mountjoy Buck (b. July 12, 1783 d. Jan 6, 1841) lived in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. He married Mary Pierce Bayly (b. June 21, 1789) the daughter of General Pierce Bayly, Revolutionary officer, of "Diamond Hill," Loudoun County, Virginia.

VI. SAMUEL M. BUCK
(cont'd)

Children:

1. William
 2. Charles
 3. Samuel G., married 1st. Miss Hall;
2nd Lucy Buck.
 4. Elizabeth, married Daniel Cloud.
 5. Thomas Mountjoy, married Catherine Wool-
ridge Watkins.
 6. Amelia, married Isaac Cloud (brother of
Daniel)
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VII. THOMAS

MOUNTJOY

BUCK

b.1811 d.1894

Thomas Mountjoy Buck was born in the Shenandoah Valley March 1, 1811, the son of Samuel Mountjoy Buck and Mary Pierce Bayly. He was raised in the Valley. His father was very rich and owned, among other properties, Ashland Plantation on the Mississippi River near Vicksburg, Mississippi. This plantation was to be the portion of Thomas Mountjoy Buck. When he grew up he went to take possession of the plantation. En route he stopped at Versailles, Ky., to visit his cousin, Mr. Helm. There he met Catherine Wooldridge Watkins, the granddaughter of Powhatan Wooldridge of Versailles, Ky., who at this time was engaged to Mr. Blackburn (afterwards Governor Blackburn). When he arrived at Ashland yellow fever had broken out and thirty of the negroes and the overseer died from it. He decided to leave Mississippi and Ashland was sold to his cousin John Buck, father of Charles Buck the late minister to Peru, and grandfather of Charles Neville Buck, the novelist. Returning to Virginia, he stopped off at Versailles to visit Catherine Watkins who had broken her engagement to Mr Blackburn. Thomas Mountjoy Buck and Catherine Wooldridge Watkins were married October 1834 in Versailles at the home of Henry Watkins who was the uncle and guardian of the bride, Catherine Watkins, and of her two first cousins, the Misses Wilkins. They were married in a triple ceremony; one Miss Wilkins married a Mr. Gascquet of New Orleans and the other Mr. Fiske of Natchez who owned "Choctaw" where they made their home. (Henry Watkins was also the uncle of Henry Watkins Allen, the exiled Confederate governor of Louisiana)

(cont.) Thomas Buck settled at Hopkinsville, Ky., where he and his wife had many relatives. He became a tobacco planter. During the War Between the States he sold his home to his partner, a Mr. Latham of New York and Hopkinsville. After the war he returned to Virginia and made his home at "Birdwood," near Charlottesville. Thomas and Catherine (Watkins) Buck are buried in the cemetery at Charlottesville, Va.

Dates: Thomas Mountjoy Buck, b. Mar.1, 1811
d. Mar.9, 1894
Catherine W. Buck, b. Aug.18, 1812
d. Sept.29, 1893

1. Charles

2. Samuel Henry, married Annie Fleming
3. Carrie, married Dr. G. Hill; children: Thomas Mountjoy, Catherine, Annie, Carrie, and Gabe.
4. Betty, married Isaac Newton Cloud.

b.1841
d.1929

married 1870

Annie Fleming

He was born October 9, 1841 in Versailles, Kentucky, at the home of his great grandmother, Elizabeth Wooldridge. He was educated at Bethel College and Union University, but left the latter institution to enter the Confederate Army. The following record is from a certificate from the Army of Tennessee signed by General Beauregard.

"Samuel H. Buck entered the military service of the Confederate States of America from his home, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, on the 10th of April, 1861, as a private in Company A, Oak Grove Rangers, commanded by Col. Ben Hardin Helm, his cousin. After the battle of Shiloh he was appointed captain and assigned to the staff of Lieut. Gen. T.H. Holmes. At the battle of Arkansas Post, January 11, 1863 he was captured and was confined on Johnson's Island, Lake Erie, but was exchanged the following April and again took the field on the staff of General Whitfield and participated in the severe fighting around Richmond. About this time he was made bearer of important dispatches from the President of the Confederacy to Gen. Kirby Smith concerning the siege of Vicksburg. Upon his arrival he was assigned

VIII. S.H. BUCK

(cont) to staff duty with General John B. Magruder in which capacity he continued to serve until the close of the war. He was in over thirty battles of the three departments besides several cavalry skirmishes with Generals Morgan and Forest. He was paroled at Galveston, Texas, and has been elected a member of the Army of Tennessee."

In July, 1865, he settled at New Orleans, Louisiana where he resumed the study of law. His cousin, Henry Watkins Allen, Governor of Louisiana, had been exiled for activities in connection with the South during the war. With many other prominent Southerners he was living in Mexico where a brilliant court was held under Maximilliam and Carlotta. Samuel Buck decided to try his fortunes in Mexico but when he reached Texas news was received of the execution of Maximillian. He returned to New Orleans where he and his cousins from Virginia, George and Robert Williams, kept bachelor apartment.

He entered commerce in 1867 as a member of the cotton firm of Morrison, Buck, and Company at 192 Gravier Street, New Orleans, La., and later became the senior member of S.H. Buck and Company, 187 Gravier Street. He was one of the charter members of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange and during his business career was also a member of the New York Cotton Exchange, the New York Coffee Exchange, the Chicago Board of Trade, and the St. Louis Merchant's Exchange. For three years, from 1876, he was secretary of the National Cotton Exchange of America, an office later held by Col. Parker, the editor-in-chief of the New Orleans Picayune.

Col. Buck was a clubman and belonged to the Boston, Pickwick, and Jockey Clubs in New Orleans; the Maryland Club in Baltimore; and the Manhattan and Democratic Clubs in New York City. He was a member of the first Opera Club (the French Opera) at New Orleans after the war.

Col. Samuel Henry Buck was married at Natchez, Mississippi, October 11, 1870, to Annie, the daughter of John Fleming of "The Towers," Natchez, Mississippi. His daughter, Marion Buck Persell, gives the following account of the family: "The family home of the S.H. Bucks was at 193 Prytania Street. Their servants were Mary Wiley from Natchez, a very fine cook; Porter, the butler, a tall Mulatto who served beautiful formal dinners every Friday evening during the season; and Lizzie Fitzgerald from the Forest Plantation near Natchez. These splendid servants were never changed while

VII. S.H. BUCK (cont.) the family resided in New Orleans, until the children were respectively ten and twelve. Their governess was Miss Kate McCall, daughter of a sugar planter of wealth before the war. She taught the children of the fashionable families of that day. Gordon went to Dyers School and Marion to Madame Carnatz. The family spent the summers at their home "Birdwood," Charlottesville, Virginia and at "The Towers", Natchez, Mississippi."

During his long residence in New Orleans Col. Buck was a member of the State Legislature, represented the city in several state nominating conventions, and in 1885 was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland. He was also appointed, with the Hon. Louis Bush as colleague, a delegate from Louisiana to the Franco-American Congress which met in Paris in 1878 to form a commercial treaty between the United States and France.

He was captain of the League Guards, a company of the White League, and one of the Marshals under General Ogden on the 14th of September, 1874 when the citizens of New Orleans, goaded by carpet bag misrule, overthrew the Republican Party in Louisiana and installed the Democratic officials who had been legally elected. Captain Buck was presented by his company with a gold medal in the shape of a cross for leading them to victory and for his share in freeing the state of carpet baggers. This medal is in the Cabildo at New Orleans in a case with General Hood's sword and other objects pertaining to that era.

On February 10th, 1883, Congress passed an Act creating the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition. The first board of managers were composed of Frank C. Morehead of Miss.; Governor Robert M. Patton of Alabama; and Albert Baldwin, G.A. Breaux, Duncan F. Kenner, John V. Moore, Simon Hornsheim, Edmund Richardson, Edward M. Hudson, W.B. Schmidt, Thomas Hardeman, and Samuel H. Buck. The President was at first Edmund Richardson and the director-general E.A. Burke, but the latter was superseded by Mr. Buck in Feb. 1884.

In 1887 Col. Buck resigned as postmaster at New Orleans and went to Huntsville, Alabama to assume management of the North Alabama Improvement Co. In 1891 he went to London to prosecute several industrial enterprises and became treasurer and later president of the Mexican National Packing Co. This firm was given a franchise by General Diaz and backed by English capital.

VIII. S.H. BUCK

(cont'd) He later moved to New York and became a partner of the brokerage and banking house of C. L. Rathbone and Company at No. 20 Broad Street. He remained a member until he retired. He died at the home of his son, Gordon Mountjoy Buck, at Pelham Manor, New York on January 6, 1929 and is buried in the cemetery at Natchez, Mississippi.

The following quotation is from an article by Thomas Grasty in the Strasburg News, Strasburg, Virginia, for Friday, March 21, 1884.

"It will thus be seen that Col. Buck is by no means a new man having from his youth up occupied places involving public trusts. We cannot close this sketch without referring to the fact that Col. Buck is regarded by all who know him as the most complete embodiment of what in days gone by was called 'the high-toned Southern gentleman.' In affairs of honor, not alone in the technical but in the broadest sense of that term, he is universally consulted. He is, more than any man of our acquaintance, entrusted by those who know him to arbitrate, not only personal, but business understandings, being today the chairman of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange's Committee on Appeals.

Few men enjoy a more enviable reputation for moral courage and the highest order of integrity than S.H. Buck. In the social world he stands without a superior."

Children:

1. A son, never lived.
2. Catherine Fleming, lived 24 hours. 1873
3. Marion, b. Natchez, Miss., March 20 at "The Towers," married, Natchez, Miss. at "The Towers," Sept. 27, 1904, Ralph Gould Persell.
4. Gordon Mountjoy, b. Natchez, Miss., May 3 at "The Towers," married Carrie Wheeler, dau. Gen. Joe Wheeler, Wheeler, Alabama. He grad. from the University of Virginia in the Academic and Law Schools and later became a member of the New York firm of Humes, Buck, Smith and Schofield and assistant general counsel for the Southern Pacific Railroad. On his retirement he returned to Virginia where the summers of his young life had been spent and resides at his home "Whilton" in Albemarle County, Va.
Children: Lucy(Buck) LeGrand and Harrison.

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I. ANDREW FLEMING

b: 1759 d. 1820

married

Catherine Steele

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The Flemings came from Scotland, descended from Lord Fleming whose daughter was one of Mary Queen of Scots four ladies in waiting named Mary. She married Sir Thomas Maitland. The Flemings belonged to the clan of Murray. "Strathaven" was the family seat. Andrew was descended from a younger son who moved to Glasgow. He moved to Alexandria, Virginia, and lived on Queen Street. He married Catherine Steele, whose mother was a Miss Conway. Catherine (Steele) Fleming died March 26, 1846, age 73 years.

Children:

1. James, died 1828 from an accident. He was a member of the Alexandria Blues, the military escort at General Washington's funeral.
2. Margaret, d. 1852, m. Edward Douglas of Aldie near Alexandria. They had two daughters Kate and Margaret and a son who was the father of Edward Douglas of Aldie.
3. Mary, d. 1863.
4. Andrew, b. 1810; d. 1889. He never married.
5. Eliza, d. 1885. She lived with her brother Andrew.
6. Isabelle, m. William Wells Harper of "Carl Rose" near Alexandria. Their son John Harper followed his Uncle John Fleming to Natchez, Mississippi, and became prominent in public affairs and held several public offices. He married Florence Brumley of Ashburn, granddaughter of Caroline Routh and Rustin Williams, members of the oldest families in the County, had the following children:
 Stratton, Emma m. Wm. Pheeters Dunbar, Florence, Mary Louise, Kate, John, Caroline Williams, and Will.
7. John, b. Dec. 26, 1813 d. June 2, 1895.

II. JOHN FLEMING

married 1844

Mary Roane
Stockman

He was born in Alexandria, Virginia, Dec. 26, 1813, and came to Natchez, Miss. in 1833. He soon formed a business partnership with Hiram Baldwin and the firm of Fleming and Baldwin was long one of the leading business houses in

II. JOHN FLEMING (cont.) Mississippi with extensive land holding and large dealings in cotton. John Fleming made many business trips to Cuba where he was called, to his great amusement, Don Juan Flamingo. On June 10, 1844 he married Mary Roane Stockman (b. Dec. 27, 1825 at Elizabethtown, Kentucky; d. Jan. 30, 1900 at ~~"The Towers", Natchez~~) the daughter of John Roane Stockman and Hannah (Dryden) Stockman. They were the first couple married by Dr. Joseph Buck Stratton, the Pastor of the Presbyterian Church. John Fleming and his wife are buried in the cemetery at Natchez, Mississippi. The tombstone inscriptions read:

John Fleming	Mary Roane Stockman
B. Alexandria, Va.	B. Elizabethtown, Ky.
Dec. 26, 1813	Dec. 27, 1825
D. Natchez, Miss.	D. Natchez, Miss. <i>in new Orleans, La.</i>
June 2, 1895	Jan. 30, 1900

One of the family stories relates that as a tiny child John used to wander from home. As a precaution his family taught him the following rhyme:

"I'm John Fleming of Queen Street,
Pick me up and carry me home."

Children:

1. Kate, b. Natchez, Miss. June 15, 1846
d. Natchez, Miss. Oct. 17, 1863
at "The Towers."
2. Annie, b. Natchez, Miss. Oct. 15, 1848
d. Natchez, Miss. Oct. 12, 1912
at "The Towers"
m. Samuel Henry Buck Oct. 11, 1870
at Natchez, Miss.
3. John
Roane, b. Natchez, Miss. Sept. 12, 1854
d. Oakland College, Miss. June 7, 1871. He was shot accidentally while hunting.
4. Mary, b. Natchez, Miss. June 20, 1851
d. Natchez, Miss.
m. Charles Chamberlain. She was called "Mazie"
5. Andrew, b. Natchez, Miss. Nov. 14, 1856
d. Natchez, Miss., Dec. 16, 1927
He was a planter, living at Beverly Plantation near Natchez the latter part of his life, and a brilliant amateur entomologist. He never married.

II. JOHN FLEMING Children (cont.)

6. James

Stockman, b. Natchez, Miss., Nov. 15, 1858

d. Natchez, Miss., Jan. 17, 1932

Oct. 27, 1886

m. Natchez, Miss., Anna Metcalfe b. July 8, 1861
of Natchez, Children: Roane (m. d. May 29, 1936)
Ferriday Byrnes) and James.

7. Margaret. b. Natchez, Miss., _____

d. Waveland, Miss., _____

m. Charles Barber Dicks. They had
three sons, George, John, and
Charles.

Of particular interest is the home of John Fleming, "The Towers," which is described by his granddaughter, Marion (Buck) Persell, in a letter to the Natchez "Times" in 1950

"My grandfather Fleming bought the place from a Mr. Chamberlin who had extensively added to and decorated the house, and beautifully furnished it. The yard was landscaped by an Italian gardener. A pond surrounded by cypress trees, the gardenia hedges, gravel walks, terraces and arbors made it very beautiful and were intact until my brother and I sold the place in 1920. The interior was elaborately furnished and much of the furniture is in the possession of the family today.

The walls were papered with over life sized figures of the Muses and the dining room in figures representing the seasons. Over the doors were Bacchuses and in the halls Cupids***

My grandfather always said that a Mr. Chamberlin, from the North, had wanted a southern home, but before all of his plans were completed it was hurriedly finished that it might be sold and he return to the North before the outbreak of the war.

My grandfather was a member of the firm of Fleming and Baldwin and a large plantation holder. The largest tract was Ashwood and surrounding land. Ashwood had at one time belonged to Governor George Poindexter.

The planters just before the war were making a great deal of money and moving into larger homes. My grandfather felt that his house next to the Episcopal Church, where he had lived since 1845, was too small. The home of Mr. Edward Ogden is on this site and the old brick French cottage torn down.

II. JOHN FLEMING

(Cont.) Mr. Chamberlin sold the Towers to my grandfather on April First, 1861. A short time later, war was declared between the States.

When Natchez fell, Gen. John M. Wilson, Commanding Officer of the Federal Forces, just arrived, called on my grandfather and told him that his house had been selected for headquarters. He said that he would like the family to remain as it would be more comfortable for him and his staff. The grounds around the house would be unmolested but the remainder of the eight acres would be occupied by the tents of the soldiers. It was not a very pleasant outlook but the officers did all in their power to make things as comfortable as possible for the family. With General Wilson were Col. Flanders, Capt. Haynes, and Lieut. Kent.

They were at the Towers until 1864. My Aunt Kate Fleming died in Oct. 1863, soon after Gen. Wilson told my grandfather that he was being sent elsewhere and another general was taking his place. He gave him permission to move his furniture, and a claim for ten thousand dollars for damages to his property. The Asylum (Orphans) was given a similar claim and paid ten thousand after the war, but my grandfather never presented his. He with his family lived at the Towers many years, and it then passed to my mother, Mrs. Samuel Henry Buck. She and my father owned it for a number of years, and my brother and I inherited it. We were born there as were my children.

*****After we sold it, the beautiful third story rooms, from which it took its name, were destroyed by fire. I have autographed photographs of General Wilson and his staff. On the former is written "To Miss Annie Fleming, from John M. Wilson New Orleans, Nov. 22, 1864."

*****Cat. Haynes was afterwards General Haynes. When a child I went every summer with my family to our country home, Birdwood, near Charlottesville, Va. We always stopped in Washington for a visit and General Haynes never failed to call on my mother.

III. ANNIE
FLEMING

married 1870

Samuel Henry
Buck

Daughter of John and Mary Roane (Stockman) Fleming m. October 11, 1870 at Natchez, Miss., Samuel Henry Buck. Residence, "The Towers", Natchez, Mississippi.

Children:

1. A son, never lived.

III: ANNIE FLEMING Children (Cont.)

2. Catherine Fleming, lived 24 hours.
3. Marion, b. Natchez, Miss., March 20, 1873 at
"The Towers".
m. Natchez, Miss., at "The Towers"
Sept. 27, 1904, Ralph Gould
Persell.
4. Gordon Mountjoy, b. Natchez Miss., _____
m. Carrie Wheeler,
daughter of General Joe
Wheeler, Wheeler, Alabama.

I. ARCHIBALDROAN

A native of Scotland, he settled in Grenshaw, Ireland, about the year 1690. He was of good education, and a Covenanter. Of his children, two came to America, of whom we have record:

1. Andrew, b. 1713 in Grenshaw, Ireland; d. 1768 in Derry township, Lancaster, now Dauphin county, Pennsylvania; emigrated to America in the year 1739 in company with his brother, Rev. John Roan; m. Margaret Walker. He was the father of Archibald Roan (b. 1755) who became the second governor of Tennessee (1801-1804).

2. John, b. April 30, 1717, d. October 3, 1775.

II. JOHN ROAN

b. 1717 d. 1775

married 1750

Anne Cochran

The Reverend John Roan was Born April 30, 1717 (O. S.) in Grenshaw, Ireland; he died October 3, 1775 in Derry township, Lancaster, now Dauphin county, Pennsylvania. He received a good education and emigrated to Pennsylvania about 1740. He entered the "Log College," and taught school on the Neshaminy and in Chester County while completing his theological course. He was licensed by the New-Side Presbytery of New Castle and, in the winter of 1744, sent to Hanover, Virginia. The following winter (1745) he was settled over the united congregations of Derry, Paxtang and Conewago, the latter having one fifth of his time. The union of the Synods placed Roan in the Donegal Presbytery and points of difficulty continually arose. Towards the latter days of his ministry Mr. Roan missionated frequently on the south branch of the Potomac. He lies interred in the Derry graveyard. On his tombstone is this inscription:

BENEATH THIS STONE
ARE DEPOSITED THE REMAINS
OF AN ABLE, FAITHFUL
COURAGEOUS & SUCCESSFUL
MINISTER OF JESUS CHRIST
THE REV'D JOHN ROAN
PASTOR OF PAXTANG, DERRY & MOUNT JOY
CONGREGATIONS
FROM THE YEAR 1745 TILL OCT 3, 1775
WHEN HE EXCHANGED
A MILITANT FOR A TRIUMPHANT LIFE
IN THE 59 YEAR OF HIS AGE.

The Rev. John Roan married August 21, 1750 Mrs. Anne (Cochran) Leckey (b. March 25, 1784; d. April 22, 1788 in Chester County, Pennsylvania), the daughter of James Cochran and Isabella (Cochran) Cochran.

II. JOHN ROAN (cont.)

Children:

1. Isabella, b. July 8, 1751; d. November 27, 1758
2. Jane, b. May 3, 1753; d. May 7, 1838;
m. June 11, 1778 William Clingan,
son of Thomas.

Children: (surname Clingan)

- (1) Margaret, b. Oct. 18, 1779; m. N
Nov. 15, 1798
- (2) John, b. April 26, 1781; d. Sept.
1841, unmarried.
- (3) Annie, b. Jan. 23, 1783; d. April
19, 1867; m. March 19, 1812, Joseph
Lawson.
- (4) Thomas, b. May 19, 1785; d. April
24, 1858; m. 1813, Margaret Lewis.
- (5) Elizabeth, b. Jan. 13, 1787; d.
April 5, 1872; m. Mar. 26, 1812,
Thomas Barber.
- (6) George, b. Oct. 26, 1788; d. Jan.
14, 1860; m. 1817, Eliza Scott.
- (7) Flavel, b. March 18, 1795; d. Oct.
17, 1876; m. May 25, 1819, Mary
Scott.

3. Anne, b. May 13, 1755; d. Sept. 1, 1763.
4. Alexander, b. April 7, 1757; d. Sept. 10, 1757,
5. Elizabeth, b. August 14, 1758; m. William Clark
(d. 1813).

Children; (surname Clark)

- (1) Roan, b. June 9, 1788
 - (2) Sarah, b. Nov. 19, 1789; d. May
9, 1857
 - (3) William, b. May, 1791; d. unmarri-
ed
 - (4) Flavel, b. Feb. 9, 1793; d. March
6, 1858, unmarried.
 - (5) Margaret, b. Nov. 18, 1794; d.
unmarried.
 - (6) Walter, b. Jan. 27, 1797
 - (7) James, b. Sept., 1799; was thrice
married; d. Oct. 22, 1864. Two of his
sons, James Clark and Asbury Clark,
were distinguished ministers.
6. Flavel, b. July 31, 1760; died at age 57
unmarried.

II. JOHN ROAN (cont.)

7. Mary, b. March 26, 1764 in Derry township, Lancaster, now Dauphin County, Pa.; d. Dec. 24, 1847 at the residence of her son-in-law, James Sharpe, at Sharpesburg, Allegheny County, Pa.; m. Oct. 10, 1789 Nathan Stockman (see lineage).

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I. NATHAN
STOCKMAN
 b. 1763
 d. 1812

He was born in September, 1763 in the North of Ireland and came with his parents to Chester County, Province of Pennsylvania, in 1765. He married October 10, 1789 Mary Roan (see Roan lineage). After his marriage he located in Buffalo Valley, from whence he moved to Beaver Falls, Beaver County, Pa. about 1801, where he died very suddenly on the 5th of April, 1812.

Children:

1. James, b. November 4, 1791; d. May 10, 1884
 at San Antonio, Texas. He left one
 daughter, Mary E. Stockman, who was
 married July 29, 1850 to Reeve Lewis
 by Brigham Chase at Natchez, Miss.
 Best man, John L. Clay. She lived at
 Lake Providence, Louisiana.
2. Annie, b. Jan. 28, 1793; d. 1878; married Mark
 Clark, of Beaver County, Pa.; they had
 twelve children.
3. John Roan, b. November 5, 1796 in Northumberland
 County, Pa.; d. Nov. 9, 1850 at Natchez,
 Mississippi. He was married to Hannah
 Dryden July 4, 1820. They had ten
 children.
4. Isabella, b. September 2, 1798; d. August, 1873;
 married James Sharpe of Pittsburgh, Pa.;
 who died March 1861.
 Children: (surname Sharpe)
 (1) James Stockman, an unusually bright
 young man who died while a student
 at Jefferson College, Canonsburg.
 (2) Mary Roane Stockman.
 (3) Jane Beltzhooover.
 (4) John Roan Stockman.
 (5) Eliza L., Married _____ Clark.
5. Joseph, b. July 2, 1800; d. unmarried at New
 Orleans, La. in March, 1835.
6. Samuel, b. January 18, 1802; went south and for
 many years was never heard of.
7. Laird
 Harris, b. 1804; d. s.p.
8. Jane
 Harris, b. April 5, 1807 in Beaver County, Pa.;
 married September 16, 1823 at Tehanople,
 Pa. Daniel Beltzhooover of Pittsburgh,
 Pa. In 1832 they removed to Natchez,
 Miss. Mrs. Beltzhooover afterwards resid-
 ed in Pittsburgh, Pa. They had five



I. NATHAN

STOCKMAN

Children (cont'd)

children. A daughter Mary Roan Beltzhoover (b. Sept. 24, 1827 at Tehanople, Pa.; d. June 25, 1895 at Natchez, Miss.) married George Kopntz on October 21, 1845 at Natchez, Miss. Children of this union were: (surname Koontz)

- (1) Virginia Lee, married her cousin by adoption, Melchior Beltzhoover.
- (2) Mary, married Francis Shields and lived in New Orleans, La.
- (3) Henrietta, married Dunbar Jenkins.
- (4) Margaret, married Andrew Jones of Baltimore. His mother, Mrs. Mary Jones, was the principal of Mount Vernon Institute, Baltimore, which Mary and Annie Fleming attended.
- (5) Alec, unmarried, lived with his sister, Virginia Beltzhoover, in New York on the Hudson.

II. JOHN

ROAN

STOCKMAN

b. November 5, 1796 in Northumberland County, Pa.;
d. November 9, 1850 at Natchez, Mississippi. He was married July 4, 1820 at Pittsburgh, Pa., by the Rev. Joseph McElroy to Hannah Dryden (daughter of Samuel Dryden of English descent, a relative of John Dryden and Martha _____. Samuel Dryden was a private in the 6th class, 3rd co., 4th battalion of Cumberland county in the Revolution. His will is in the county seat of Franklin County).

John Roan Stockman and his wife moved from Pittsburgh to Shelbyville, Kentucky about 1822; then to Elizabeth town, Ky., where they were living in 1825 and 1831; in 1833 they were living in Hardinsburg, Ky. (According to the obituary of Samuel dryden Stockman they removed to Natchez, Miss. about 1834. John Roan Stockman later (1842) was mayor of Natchez. Dunbar Rowland in his "Heart of the South," gives the following account: "The first Mississippians to enlist for service joined Louisiana regiments. They were mostly from Natchez. The first citizens from that place to enlist were Dr. Joseph A. Applewaite, Kemp Sprague, John Stockman, Burrus Wren and James Filmore, who took boat for New Orleans on May 6 (note: year 1846, RMP). They joined Col. Dakin's regiment, which they accompanied to Mexico and served three months."

note - according to the census of 1840 - this is not on file RMP

The tombstone inscriptions in the cemetery at Natchez read:

Hannah Dryden		John Roan Stockman
b. Chambersburg, Pa.		b. Northumberland Co., Pa.
April 7, 1802	wife of	Nov. 5, 1790
d. Natchez, Miss.		d. Natchez, Miss.
Jan 18, 1870		Nov. 9, 1850

Children:

1. Martha Dryden b. April 6, 1821 at Pittsburgh, Pa.

II. JOHN Children (cont.)ROANSTOCKMAN

- d. December 14, 1891 in Lexington, Kentucky, at the home of her youngest daughter, Mrs. L.G. Price; married June 27, 1839 Richard Mason, a merchant of Natchez, Miss. In the same month and year she joined the Presbyterian Church at Natchez of which Samuel G. Winchester was the pastor.
2. James Mathew, b. June 5, 1823 at Shelbyville, Ky. He lived in Natchez and owned the most architecturally perfect home in the town. He was a wealthy planter and died during the war.
3. Mary Roan, b. December 27, 1825 at Elizabethtown, Kentucky; d. January 30, 1900 at *New Orleans* ~~Natchez~~, Miss.; married June 10, 1844 at Natchez John Fleming. They were the first couple married by Dr. Joseph Buck Stratton, the pastor of the Presbyterian Church (see Fleming lineage).
4. Isabel, b. March 18, 1828 at Elizabethtown, Ky.; married August 2, 1849, Maurice Lisle. They were married by Dr. Stratton: Thomas R. Mitchell was the best man. They lived in Natchez on Union street in a very beautiful home which occupied the block opposite Judge Shield's old home (now a public school is on the site of the Shield's home). On the corner of Oak was Major Walworth's home (now a Mr. Laub's). Mrs. Lisle died during the war and her brother-in-law, John Fleming, bought the place from Mr. Lisle. He rented it for several years and conveyed it in 1870 to Mr. Wilmer Shields who was moving to Natchez after leaving "Laurel Hill." Mr. Lisle was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati.
5. Samuel Dryden, b. June 10, 1831 at Elizabethtown, Ky.; d. July 12, 1902 at Covington, La.; married Lydia Starke Mitchell (b. July 12, 1839 in Somerville, Tenn.; d. Feb. 19, 1901 in Covington, La.). When he was 3 years of age his parents moved to Natchez, Miss.; where he grew up and entered business life. In Nov., 1861 he joined the Natchez Light

Children (Cont.)

Infantry, Company A, First Regiment, Mississippi Volunteers. The command was ordered to join General Albert Sydney Johnston at Bowling Green, Kentucky. He served out his time with that command, re-enlisted and was elected second lieutenant of the Natchez Sothrons under Capt. Richard A. Inge, and mustered into the Confederate service on March 8, 1862. His company was ordered to Corinth, Miss., and on arrival was assigned to duty as Company B with Col. Robert A. Smith's famous Tenth Mississippi Regiment in Chalmer's Brigade of Infantry. He participated in Shiloh's bloody battles as well as other fights near Corinth. In April, 1862 he was appointed commissary of the Tenth Mississippi Regiment with the rank of captain. In November he was transferred from his regiment and assigned to duty at the headquarters of the Army of Tennessee. In June, 1863 he was commissioned captain and A.C.S. in the regulars by the Secretary of War and held position as Department Commissary of the Army of Tennessee on the staffs of Generals Bragg, Joseph E. Johnston and Hood successively.

STOCKMAN

When Hood's Army was ordered to North Carolina, Capt. Stockman was assigned to duty with Major W.H. Dameron, State Commissary of the State of Mississippi, and remained with him until the close of the war. He was paroled at Meridian, Miss., on May 8, 1865. He returned to Natchez and remained there until his removal to New Orleans in August, 1876. For many years he was a citizen of New Orleans, having been identified with the firms of S.B. Newman, the old-time cotton factor and Williams-Richardson & Co.

Children: (surname Stockman)

- (1) George Dryden Stockman married Edith Little of Boston and lives in Denver, Colorado. He was a 1st lieutenant in the Second Louisiana during the Spanish American War and a captain in the signal corps in World War I. No children.
 - (2) Annie Belle Stockman, b. Jan. 6, 1867 in Natchez, Miss.; d. Dec. 14, 1928 in Jackson, Miss.; married Nov. 21, 1887 in New Orleans, La. John Lane Griffin (b. 1853 in Louisville, Ky.; d. Oct. 18, 1895). They were the parents of William Hunt Griffin (b. Sept. 16, 1888; m. Mary Holt Stone of Greenville, Miss.) and of Lydia Stockman Griffin (b. March 2, 1890) who married Edward Leonard Trenholm (b. Jan. 10, 1886) on June 22, 1910.
6. Anne b. Sept. 15, 1833 at Hardinsburg, Ky.
Rebecca, d. July 26, 1835.
7. Emma b. Oct. 13, 1836 at Natchez, Miss.;
Passavant, married Mr. Enster. They were the
 parents of Hannah Enster.

- II. JOHN (cont.)
ROAN 8. Hannah b. May 30, 1839 at Natchez, Mississippi;
Elizabeth d. July 3, 1840
STOKMAN 9. John b. July 4, 1841. He moved to Oregon
Roan Jr. after the War of '61
10. Jane b. April 22, 1844 at Natchez, Miss.;
Beltzhoover died unmarried.
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LINEAGES

PERSSELL

The paternal ancestry of Ralph Mountjoy Persell

Persell, Ralph Mountjoy

- 10- John PERSELL (d 1680), of Huntington County, England, was in New Amsterdam, 1648; later at Dutch Kills, Long Island, and was "of Newtown, L.I.," 1666; granted land patent by the Duke of York, 1666; in 1670, appointed with Burger, Wandell, and Capt. Lawrence to superintend the laying out of highways (the name variously spelled Persell, Parsel, and Parcelle in the early records); m Judith ____.
- 9- William (1660-1728), of Newtown, Long Island; m 1st, Maria Pieters; in his will mentions plantations on Long Island and in the Jersies.
- 8- Nicholas (1696-1767), baptized Dutch Church, New York, 1696; m 1717, at Hackensack, New Jersey, Geertje Kool (descendant of Barent Kool, an early settler of New Amsterdam).
- 7- John (b 1724), baptized Dutch Church, Hackensack, New Jersey; lived in Bergen County, N.J., and later removed to Rockland (then Orange) County, New York; m 1744, at Dutch Church, New York, Neeltje Vanderwoerd (Paul).
- 6- Jacob (1759-1834), b Haverstraw, New York; baptized Dutch Church, Clarkstown, New York; m 1st, Rachel Knapp (1764-1825); Revolutionary soldier in 2nd Regiment, Orange County Militia, under Col. Ann Hawkes Hay; moved to Mayfield, N.Y. and is buried in Broadalbin Cemetery.
- 5- Samuel (1800-1841), resided Montgomery County, N.Y., then Ogdenburgh; m Matilda W. ____ (1800-1864); died on Lake Erie.
- 4- William James (1830-1902), b Ogdenburgh, New York; attended Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.; moved south in 1849 to Vicksburg, Mississippi, teaching for two years in a female college; then to Baton Rouge, where he married and lost his bride of three months in the yellow fever epidemic of 1853; moved to Amite County and then to Pike County, Mississippi, where he became the first County Superintendant of Education; m 2nd, Lucretia Greenville Ratcliff.
- 3- Sidney Davis (1859-1933), b Amite County, Mississippi; pharmacist; resided Summit, Natchez, and Madison, Mississippi; m 1881, Emma Cornelia Cotten.
- 2- Ralph Gould (b 1882), b Summit, Mississippi; pharmacist and sales executive; m 1904, Marion Buck, of "The Towers", Natchez, Mississippi; issue: Margaret Fleming (b 1905) m George Matthews Marshall; II- Ralph Mountjoy (1 above): III- Anne Isabel Fleming (b 1910) m Edgar Lawrence Gill.

Persell, Ralph Mountjoy

- 11-Barent Jacobsen KOOL (b ca. 1605), of Holland Dutch ancestry, first appears on the Civil Records of New Amsterdam on June 8, 1633, at which time he held office in the Dutch West India Company; on May 5, 1654, appointed one of two excise-men whose duty it was to guard the beer and wine trade against fraud; m Marretje Leenderts DeGrauw (dau Leendert DeGrauw, an early immigrant to New Amsterdam, of Wallon ancestry).
 - 10-Jacob Barentsen (b ca. 1638), first American born ancestor of the Kool family, settled near Kingston, New York, at Esopus; m Marretje Simons.
 - 9- Jacob (b 1673 d ca. 1718), settled at Tappan, Rockland County, New York, where he and his wife were received as members of the Dutch Church Oct. 23, 1695; he was an elder of the church at Tappan and contributed to its support; m Barbara Hanse.
 - 8- Geertje (b 1695), bapt. Dutch Church, New York, 1695; m 1717, Nicholas PERSELL (8 above).
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- 11-Joris Janssen de Rapelje (ca 1600 - ca 1663), descendant noble family of Brittany; Huguenot, fled from France to Holland, thence in the "Unity" to New Amsterdam, 1623; at Albany, 1623-1627; resided at Wallabout; magistrate; one of the twelve first "Great Burghers" of New Amsterdam.
 - 10-Marrite (b 1627), m 1640, Michael Paulus VANDERWOERD (from Flanders).
 - 9- Paulus (b 1649), of Long Island, m Elizabeth Paul Derechsen.
 - 8- Paul (b 1687), of Long Island, m Neeltje Staats.
 - 7- Neeltje (b 1724) m 1744, John (Jan) Persell (7 above).
 - 6- Peter RATCLIFF m Frances Bateman (dau Eliza King); planter, removed from Sumter District, South Carolina, to Franklin, Tenn., then to Amite County, Mississippi, in 1802.
 - 5- Alfred (1816-1883) m 1836, Elizabeth Horton (William⁶ m Rebecca⁶); planter, Amite County, Mississippi.
 - 4- Lucretia Greenville (1837-1907) m 1856, William James PERSELL (4 above).
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Persell, Ralph Mountjoy

- 6- Thomas COTTEN, (will probated 8/16/1816, Amite County, Miss.); m Anne ____; tradition says that he moved to Mississippi from South Carolina.
- 5- Abel, planter, Amite County, Mississippi, m 1820, Harriet (Wall) Woodward.
- 4- William A. (1827-1874), m ca 1849, Aletha Anne Jackson; planter, merchant, and Major of Summit, Pike County, Miss.
- 3- Emma Cornolia (1857-1939), m 1881, at Summit, Mississippi, Sidney Davie PERSELL (3 above).

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- 7- John JACKSON (1719-1801), b Duddington, England; from Eng. to Cecil County, Maryland, 1748; m 1755, Elizabeth Cummins (b Eng., emigrated on same ship); moved to Clarksburg, West Virginia (Richard-8 m Mary Vance; Thomas-9; Richard-10 m Margaret Keete; Anthony-11, b 1599 d 1666, private secretary to George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham; knighted 1650; proclaimed as Herald, Charles Stewart as King at his coronation at Scone, 1651).
- 6- Isaac (1760-1820) m 1st. 1779, Anne Richardson (Col. Richard Arthur-7, Revolutionary officer); private in Capt. Mathew Wingleton's Troop of Light Horse, South Carolina Troops, in Rev.; removed to Amite County, Mississippi, ca 1806.
- 5- Lewis (1800-1838), resided Amite County, Mississippi; m 1823 Eliza Caston (1808-1856; Labang Gabriel-7).
- 4- Aletha Ann (1833-1900) m William A. COTTEN (4 above).

LINEAGES

BBU C K

The maternal ancestry of Ralph Mountjoy Persell

Persell, Ralph Mountjoy

- 10-Thomas BUCK (d ca. 1659), from Gravesend, England, in the "George, " 1635, aet. 17.
- 9- Thomas (d 1729), landowner, York Co., Va., 1704.
- 8- Thomas (d 1727, aet. 45).
- 7- Charles (d 1771), of "Buckton, " Warren Co., Va.; vestryman; 1st. militia, 1751; in Indian Wars; m 2nd, Letitia (Sorell) Wilcox.
- 6- Charles (1750-1823), of "Buckton," m 1775, Mary Richardson.
- 5- Samuel Mountjoy (1783-1841), of Shenandoah Valley, Va., m Mary Pierce Bayly.
- 4- Thomas Mountjoy (1811-94), of "Birdwood, " Charlottesville, Va.,; m 1834, Catherine Wooldridge Watkins.
- 3- Samuel Henry (1841-1929), of Versailles, Ky., Natchez, Miss., "Birdwood," Va., and New Orleans, La.; m 1870, Annie Fleming.
- 2- Marion (2 below).

Persell, Ralph Mountjoy

- 11-John WALLER, New Kent. Va.
- 10-John, (qv),-- (1617-88; of royal ancestry). from Newport Pagnel, Buckinghamshire, England, to Va., 1635; settled in Gloucester Co., Va., later at "Enfield," King William Co., Va., m Mary Key or Kay; their son Col. John (1673-1754), settled in King and Queen Co.; clk. St. George's Parish; founder and organizer of Spotssylvania Co.; with his wife, is buried at "Newport," Spotsylvania Co.; m Dorothy King (1675-1759).
- 9- William (1671-1756), m Ann Becker.
- 8- Winifred (1709-51), m 1725, Marquis CALMES, (1705-73); (Marquis,⁹ a French Huguenot nobleman, fled from France to England, thence to Stafford Co., Va., ca. 1695); ed. in France; purchased a plantation in Frederick (now Clarke) Co., Va., planting the first vineyard in the Northern Neck and naming it "Vineyard Plantation"; capt. colonial troops against the Indians; maj. French and Indian War; justice Frederick Co. 1743-53.
- 7- Isabella (b 1727 d 1796), m 1746, William RICHARDSON (g. son of William Richardson, who came with Lord Baltimore, owned much of the land on which the city of Baltimore, Md., is built).
- 6- Mary (1752-1828), m 1775, Charles BUCK (6 above).
- 2- Marion Buck (b 18__), m 1904, Ralph Gould Persell.

Persell, Ralph Mountjoy

- 10-Richard Ewen, m Sophia____, came to Md., 1649, settled Patapsco River, major Provincial Forces; governor of the colony, 1657; member of the Assembly, 1654, 1657, 1659; speaker of Upper House, 1657, 1659 justice Provincial Ct., 1654, 1655, 1657, 1662, 1664; 1674; Commissioner, 1654, 1655, 1657, 1658, 1663-65; sheriff, 1664, 1665 (Ref., Weyland's History of the Shenandoah Valley-Pa. Soc. Col. Dames, p. 100).
- 9- Elizabeth (d 1703), as widow of Richard Talbot, m 1667, William Richardson (d 1697), from England in the "Constant Friendship," to Md., 1655 mem. Assembly.
- 8- Joseph RICHARDSON (1678-1748), m 1705, Sarah Thomas (1689-1724) (Samuel-9; Philip Thomas-10, qv, from England to Md. 1651).
- 7- William (1721-68), m. 1746, Isabella Calmes (7 above).
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- 6- General Pierce Bayly (b. Loudoun Co., Va., 1742; d 1800) m Mary Payne (b 1754); Rev. Officer (ref. DAR record of Marion Buck Persell)
- 5- Mary Pierce Bayly (b 1789), m Samuel Mountjoy Buck (5 above).
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- 9- Henry Watkins (b 1637), of "Mawburne Hills, "Henrico Co., Va.
- 8- Edward Watkins (d 1771), Cumberland Co., Va.
- 7- John (1710-65), Cumberland Co. (now Powhatan), m 1735, Phebe Hancock (b 1719)
- 6- Samuel (1750-95), Powhatan Co., m 1773, Elizabeth Goode (d 1790)
- 5- Philip (b 1782), Woodford Co., Ky., m Phoebe Wooldridge (Powhatan-6, of Versailles, Ky., m 1774, Elizabeth Watkins, dau of John Watkins and Phebe Hancock).
- 4- Catherine Wooldridge (1812-93), m 1834, Thomas Mountjoy BUCK (4 above)
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- 12-Capt. Thomas HARRIS (1573-1658), from Wales in the "Prosperous" to Jamestown, Va., 1611; Descendant of Henry Percy and Eleanor Nevill; of royal descent; a founder of Manakin Town, Henrico (now Powhatan) Co., Va.; received extensive land grants from the crown; burges 1623; m Adria, dau Thomas Osborne, who came to Va. with Harris; m, 2nd, Joane____.
- 11-Mary (1625-1703, m 1650, Col. Thomas LIGON (d 1677) of Henrico Co., Va.; burges, 1655.
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10-Johan (1653-1728), m 1672, Robert HANCOCK (1650-1708) of Henrico Co., Va. (Simon-10).

9- Johan, m 1700, her first cousin Samuel Hancock (d 1760; William-9).

8- Samuel (b 1702 d 1760) m Elizabeth Jameston (John-7).

7- Phebe (b 1719), m John Watkins (1710-65) (7 above).

10-Richard Goode, of Cornwall, England (Richard-11, Richard-12, m Isabel Pinkeville, of royal descent).

9-John (1620/30-1709), from England to the Barbados, 1643/54, to Va. before 1660; settled at "Whitby," four miles below present site of Richmond on the James River; m 2nd, Anne Bennett.

8- John, of "Falls Plantation," Chesterfield County, Va.; b at "Whitby".

7- Bennett (b 1700/20, Chesterfield Co., Va.), of "Fine Creek," Powhatan Co., Va., m 1740, Martha Jefferson (Capt. Thomas-8).

6- Elizabeth (d 1790) m Samuel Watkins (1750-95) (6 above).

10-John JEFFERSON, from near Mt. Snowdon, Wales, to Va., 1612; burges from Floweree Hundred, 1619.

9- Thomas (d 1697), owned a plantation in Henrico Co., Va., 1677; m Mary Branch (William-10).

8- Capt. Thomas (1679-1731), of "Osborne", Chesterfield Co., Va.; grandfather of Pres. Thomas Jefferson. A founder of Yorktown; justice, 1706; m 1697, Mary Field (Major Peber-9).

7- Martha m Bennett Goode of "Fine Creek" (7 above).

12-Lionel BRANCH (William-13, m Katherine Jennings of royal descent).

11-Christopher (1595-1682), of "Kingland," Henrico Co., Va.; from England in the "London Merchant," to Va., 1619, Burgess, 1639-41; m Mary Addic.

10-William, m Jane Hatcher.

9- Mary, m Thomas Jefferson (d 1697) (9 above).

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12-Theophilus SOANE, Lord Bishop of Hereford, England.

11-James (b 1604), came to Va. in the "Swan."

10-Henry, speaker of Va. House of Burgesses, 1660-66.

9- Judith as widow of Henry Randolph m Major Peter Field (b 1648),
of St. Peters Parish, New Kent Co., Va.; burgess, 1688.

8- Mary m 1687, Capt Thomas Jefferson (1679-1731) (8 above).

5- Andrew FLEMING (1759-1820), from Glasgow, Scotland, to Alexandria, Va., where he had relatives; descended from Lord Fleming whose daughter Mary was one of Mary Queen of Scots' four ladies in waiting named Mary:m Catherine Steele (1773-1846; dau of _____ m a Miss Conway; ref., "Lodge of Washington") .

4- John (1813-1895); his brother James was a member of the "Alexandria Blues" which formed the military escort at General Washington's funeral; moved to Natchez, Mississippi, in 1833; m 1834, Mary Roane Stockman (1825-1900); residence, "The Towers", Natchez; planter and merchant.

3- Annie (1848-1912), of "The Towers," Natchez, m 1870, Samuel Henry Buck (3 above).

8- James COCHRAN (1698-1766), m 1723, Isabella Cochran (dau of "Deaf Robert"); from North Ireland to Chester Co., Pa., ca. 1723; in the first assessment, 1724, of Fallowfield; elder, F Faggs Manor Presbyterian church, 1739; lt., Capt. Joseph Wilcoxson's Co., Associated Regiment, Chester Co., 1747-1748); father of Dr. John Cochran, surgeon-general of the Revolutionary Army (Robert-9, m Anne, dau George Cochran of Maboy; James-10, m Janet Wallace from Blenigh; John-11, m Margaret Elder; James-12, m Janet Burns; John-13, of Fernois near Paisley in Scotland, removed to the shores of Lough Foyle in the North of Ireland, 1570; direct descendant of Baron Cochran, the noble head of his house).

7- Anne (1724-1788), m 1750, Rev. John Roane (1717-1775); from Grenshaw, Ireland, to Chester Co., Pa., about 1740).

6- Mary (1764-1847), m 1789, Nathan STOCKMAN (1763-1842, b Northern Ireland, came with parents to Chester Co., Pa., in 1765).

5- John Roane (1796-1850), b Northumberland Co., Pa.; m 1820, at Pittsburgh, Pa., Hannah Dryden (1802-1870); removed to Natchez, Mississippi, ca 1835.

4- Mary Roane (1825-1900), b Elizabethtown, Ky., m 1844, at Natchez Mississippi, John FLEMING (4 above).

BUCK, Samuel Henry, banker and broker, was born in Kentucky, Oct. 9, 1841, son of Thomas Mountjoy and Catherine (Watkins) Buck, both natives of Virginia. He was educated at Bethel College and Union University, but left the latter institution to enter the Confederate, in April, 1861, becoming a member of Company A, 1st Kentucky Cavalry, commanded by his kinsman, Col. Ben Hardin Helm. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Arkansas Post, and participated in more than twenty-five battles during the war. In July, 1865, he settled at New Orleans, La., resuming the study of law, but soon abandoned this profession to embark in commerce as a member of the cotton firm of Morrison, Buck & Co. He was one of the charter members of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, and during his business career has also been a member of the New York Cotton Exchange, the New York Coffee Exchange, the Chicago Board of Trade, the St. Louis Merchant's Exchange, and after his removal to New York in 1894 was an equal partner in the stock exchange house of C.L. Rathbone & Company. (An early partnership - Col. Buck was a member of C.L. Rathbone and Co. until he retired. He is now the senior member of the Cotton firm of Buck and Pratt, in New York.) During his long residence in New Orleans he was postmaster of the city under President Cleveland in 1887 and was director-general of the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial of New Orleans, in 1884-85. It was in October, 1882, that the National Cotton Planters Association first suggested a special cotton exposition to celebrate the centennial of the industry, the first record of cotton as an industrial product for export from America being the shipment of six bags (about one bale) from Charleston, S.C., to England in 1774. The plan was soon extended to miscellaneous industries, and on Feb. 10, 1883, congress passed an act creating the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition. The first board of managers was composed of Frank C. Morehead, of Mississippi; Governor Robert M. Patton, of Alabama; and Albert Baldwin, G.A. Breauz, Duncan F. Kenner, John V. Moore, Simon Harnsheim, Edmund Richardson, Edward M. Hudson, W. B. Schmidt, Thomas Hardeman, and Samuel H. Buck. The president was at first Edmund Richardson and the director-general E.A. Burke, but the latter was superseded by Mr. Buck, February, 1884. The main building was larger than any previously projected, either in this country or in Europe. Mr. Buck is a member of the executive committee of the Southern Society of New York. He was married, at Natchez, Mississippi, Oct 11, 1870, to Annie, Daughter of John Fleming, and has one son and daughter.

Col. Buck died at the home of his son, Gordon Mountjoy Buck (who married Carrie, daughter of General Joe Wheeler, of Wheeler, Alabama.), at Pelham Manor, New York

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Samuel Henry Buck, Member of the Board of Management of the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition; etc,

I It will be remembered that the Act of Congress granting a charter to the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition empowered the National Cotton Planters Association to nominate, for appointment by the President of the United States, six out of thirteen members of the Governmental Commissioners who should constitute the board of Management of this national and international enterprise. The subject of this sketch, whose portrait appears in this number of the Planter's Journal, was one of these six, all of whom President Arthur duly commissioned.

To the casual reader, the importance of the trust held by Col. Buck and associates may not be at first glance apparent; but when it is remembered that these governmental commissioners have absolute charge of an enterprise which is not only the grandest ever undertaken by the people of this Southland, but is one which is attracting the intensest attention of all foreign nations, and one which will exceed any other exposition ever held on this continent (the Philadelphia Exposition of 1876 being scarcely excepted) and one embracing perhaps a greater variety of products than any other ever held in the civilized world; when these things are considered, we say, it will be at once admitted that no appointees of the President, except the members of the cabinet, occupy places of greater responsibility than the U.S. Commissioners charged with the management of this National and International Exposition.

But to return to the subject of this sketch, who as we have before stated, is one of these aforesaid commissioners, Col. Buck was born in Kentucky. His father, Thos. Mountjoy Buck, was descended from the famous "cavalier family" of that name, portrayed under a different cognomen by Thackeray in his "Virginians." Early in the history of Kentucky, Mountjoy Buck followed "the star of Empire" westward-making his home in that garden spot of the world, the Blue-Grass section of Kentucky. Here he married Katherine Watkins, likewise descended from one of the oldest of the original aristocratic families of Virginia and Kentucky.

The Hon. S.H. Buck, the subject of this sketch, was educated at Bethel College, Kentucky, and at Union University, from which latter he was on the eve of graduation when the "War Between the States" summoned him to arms. He entered the Confederate Service on the 11th of April, 1861, being then scarce twenty years old.

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Early in 1862, he was promoted for "gallantry on the field" to a captaincy in the Confederate Army. His conduct in action was specially mentioned by Gen. Whitefield, under whom he served in the battle around Richmond, and by Gen. Bragg, of the Army of Tennessee. In 1863 he was assigned to duty as a member of the staff of Gen. Holmes, having previously participated in many battles in Kentucky, Virginia, and Tennessee. When Gen. Holmes was relieved from the command of the Trans-Mississippi Department, young Buck, who by that time reached the rank of colonel, was assigned to the staff of Gen. John B. Magruder, and took an active part in the campaigns against Gen. Banks, McCook, and Steele. He was in thirty battles of the Civil War.

At the close of the war he was located in New Orleans, and in one year thereafter was a member of the cotton factorage house of Morrison, Buck & Company. He has been closely identified with the cotton interests of New Orleans ever since.

For three years, from 1876, he was Secretary of the National Cotton Exchange of America (an office now held by Col. Parker, editor-in-chief of the New Orleans Picayune).

Col. Buck was one of the marshals under Gen. F.N. Ogden, who led the citizen-soldiery against the political usurpers in 1874, a movement that resulted in Louisiana in a government by the people for the people. He has represented his district in the Democratic legislature of 1874. He has represented his constituency in three state conventions; and the City of New Orleans in the U.S. Postal convention held at Old Point Comfort. He was appointed, with the Hon. Louis Bush as a colleague, a delegate from Louisiana to the Franco-American Congress, which met in Paris, in 1878, to form a commercial treaty between the United States and France.

It will thus be seen that Col. Buck is by no means a new man having from his youth up occupied places involving great public trusts. We cannot close this sketch without referring to the fact that Col. Buck is regarded by all who know him as the most complete embodiment of what in days gone by was called "the high-toned Southern gentleman." In affairs of honor, not alone in the technical but in the broadest sense of that term, he is universally consulted. He is, more than any man of our acquaintance, entrusted by those who know him to arbitrate, not only personal, but business misunderstandings, being today the chairman of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange's Committee on Appeals.

Few men enjoy a more enviably reputation for moral courage and the highest order of integrity than S.H. Buck. In the social world he stands without a superior.

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*****Extract*****

SAMUEL HENRY BUCK.

One of the leading members of the colony in New York is Samuel H. Buck, son of Katherine Watkins (granddaughter of Powhatan Wooldridge of Versailles) and Thomas Mountjoy Buck of Virginia. S.H. Buck was born October 9, 1841, at the home of his great grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Wooldridge, educated at Bethel College and Union University. He was pursuing his studies at the latter college when war broke out. Perhaps as good a record as can be obtained is the following synopsis of a certificate from the Army of Tennessee signed by General Beauregard.

"Samuel H. Buck entered the military service of the Confederate States of America on the 10th of April 1861 as a private in Co. A, Oak Grove Rangers, commanded by Col. Ben Hardin Helm (his cousin). After the battle of Shiloh he was appointed captain and assigned to the staff of Lieut. Gen. T.H. Holmes. At the battle of Arkansas Post, Jan. 11, 1863, he was captured and was confined on Johnson's Island, Lake Erie, but was exchanged the following April and again took the field on the staff of Gen. Whitfield and participated in the severe fighting around Richmond. About this time he was made bearer of important dispatches from the President of the Confederacy to Gen. Kirby Smith concerning the siege of Vicksburg. Upon his arrival he was assigned to staff duty with John B. Magruder in which capacity he continued to serve until the close of the war. He was in over thirty battles of the three departments besides several cavalry skirmishes with Generals Morgan and Forest. He was paroled at Galveston, Texas, and has been elected a member of the Army of Tennessee. After the close of the war Col. Buck went to New Orleans and resumed the study of law. He continued it but a short time beginning a commercial career in the spring of 1866 as a member of the Cotton Firm of Morrison, Buck and Company. He continued in the cotton business until 1887. During his residence in New Orleans Col. Buck was a member of the state legislature and represented that city in several state nominating conventions. He was one of the marshalls under Gen Ogden on the 14th of September, 1874, (commanded the League Guards, company of the White League) when the citizens of New Orleans, goaded by the carpet bag misrule, overthrew the republican party in Louisiana and installed the democratic officials who had been legally elected. In 1884 he was elected Director General of the World's Centennial Cotton Exposition in New Orleans and displayed great executive ability in its management. In 1885 he was appointed postmaster at New Orleans by President Cleveland and resigned the office in 1887 to assume the management of the North Alabama Improvement Co., at Huntsville. In 1891 he went to London to prosecute several industrial enterprises and after that period was connected with the brokerage business in New York. He now resides in N.Y. and is a member of the brokerage and banking house of C.L. Rathbone & Co. at No. 20 Broad St. Col. Buck during his career has been prominent socially as evidenced by his membership in the Pickwick, Jockey, and other clubs in New Orleans, and is now a member of the Maryland Club in Baltimore and the Manhattan and Democratic Clubs in New York City.

Biographical sketch - RALPH MOUNTJOY PERSELL

RALPH M. PERSELL, lieutenant colonel, AUS (Ret.), was born September 17, 1908 at New Iberia, Louisiana, and raised at the Towers, Natchez, Mississippi, the ancestral home of his parents, Marion Buck Persell and Ralph Gould Persell. He attended Loyola Academy, Chicago, Illinois, Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Virginia, and the Tulane University of Louisiana, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Engineering in Chemical Engineering in 1932. He worked as a field engineer for the Bristol Company, Waterbury, Connecticut and was Assistant Chief Chemist for the Mississippi State Highway Department, Jackson, Mississippi when he entered on active duty as a lieutenant of artillery with the U. S. Army in August, 1940. Upon being relieved from active duty after the war he went to work for the USDA Southern Regional Research Laboratory as a chemical engineer on January 28, 1946. He was quickly promoted to Assistant Director and held that position until he was appointed Director of the North Mississippi - Alabama Area of the USDA Agricultural Research Service on July 1, 1972. He retired from the Service on December 31, 1973.

During WWII he first served at Ft. Hancock, New Jersey, in the Harbor Defenses of New York. Later he served as commanding officer of the Harbor Defenses of Corpus Christi, Texas; Pascagoula, Mississippi; and Mobile Bay, Alabama. Transferred to the European Theater, he served as executive officer of the 72d AAA Gun Battalion with Seventh Army. Later, after VE day, he served as highway traffic control officer, Deltat base Section, Southern France, prior to returning to the States. He was separated from active duty at Camp Shelby, Mississippi on December 6, 1945, as a lieutenant colonel of Artillery. As an active reservist, he assumed command of the 427th Armored Field Artillery Battalion in 1950, which he commanded under several redesignations to December 8, 1958.

A descendant of early American families, all of Mr. Persell's ancestors came to this country before the American Revolution. On the paternal side he is descended from John Persell of Huntington County, England, who was in New Amsterdam as early as 1648 and later at Dutch Kills, Long Island; from Berent Jacobsen Kool, of Holland Dutch ancestry, who first appears on the civil records of New Amsterdam on June 8, 1633, at which time he held office in the Dutch West India Company; from Nicholas Knapp who came from England with the Winthrop fleet in 1630, and settled at Watertown, Massachusetts; from Joris Jansen Rappaljewho came to this country in the ship "Unity" in 1623 and settled at Fort Orange (Albany) New York. He was one of the Twelve Men chosen August 29, 1642 as the first representative assembly ever convened on Manhattan Island: he was magistrate from 1655 to 1662.

Through his mother, Marion Buck Persell, he is descended from Powhatan Wooldridge of Kentucky; from the Marquis de la Calmes who married Winifred Waller of Williamsburg, Virginia; from Richard Ewen, governor of Maryland in 1657; and from the English baronial families of Neville and Percy.

Mr. Persell is a descendant of Thomas Buck, the first of the family to come to this country, who sailed on August 21, 1635, from Gravesend, England, in a vessel named the "George" for Virginia; later he patented land along the York River. His ancestors continued to live in Virginia for six generations until Thomas Mountjoy Buck married Catherine Wooldridge Watkins at the home of Henry Watkins, the uncle and guardian of the bride, in October, 1834, in Versailles, Kentucky. Mr. Persell's grandfather, the late Samuel Henry Buck, was born at Versailles in 1841. He served in over 30 battles of the Civil War, later settling in New Orleans, La. //

Ralph M. Persell, his grandson, is a member of the Pendennis and Round Table Clubs of New Orleans, The Society of Colonial Wars, The Society of the War of 1812, The Sons of the Revolution, The Sons of the American Revolution, The Military Order of Foreign Wars, The Military Order of World Wars and the Order of Lafayette. He is married to Lois Alfred & has one son, Ralph M. Persell, Jr. of Panama City, Florida. His son, Gordon Mountjoy Buck, practiced law in New York City for many years. He was at one time general counsel for the S. P. C. R. R.

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Our common ancestor, Charles Buck, was a man of importance and a large landholder in what was then Orange County, afterwards Frederick County, and now Warren County, Virginia.

This land he purchased from Thomas, Lord Fairfax; William Russell; ~~Gabriel Jones~~; Thomas and David Chester and others. In his will (1), dated February 4, 1771, he specifically devised 675 acres of land "purchased out of his lordship's Office," and I have in my possession an original deed signed by Lord Fairfax dated March 2, 1753, conveying 150 acres of land to Charles Buck.

Lord Fairfax opened his land office at his home, Greenway Court, near White Post in 1749 and the old stone building used for that purpose is still standing. (2). After the Revolution the Fairfax land records were removed to the Land Office at Richmond and constitute an important historical source. (3). Land purchased of Lord Fairfax was not allodial, but, until after the Revolution, was subject to quit rent payable to his Lordship (4).

Charles Buck was also a member of the vestry of Frederick Parish at a time when Lord Fairfax was a member, and the "Old Chapel" between Berryville and Millwood is on the site of the original Chapel where this Vestry met. (5)

It is difficult for us today to realize the importance of a Vestryman, a Justice of the Peace or Magistrate, and of a Sheriff, but in those days only the leading citizens occupied such positions. (6) (7).

The William Russell, from whom Charles Buck purchased land, was for a time in Governor Spotswood's office, and is not to be mistaken for another William Russell who was a Ranger. Russell was active in promoting the settlement of lands on Happy Creek in competition with the Hites. (8). A deed from William Russell to Charles Buck is dated April 28, 1740, and is recorded in the Clerk's Office of Orange County, (9) (10) which county, until 1738, included what was afterwards Frederick County; though the courts in Frederick County were not organized until 1743. Hite claimed land by grant from the King in Council, and there was litigation between Hite, et al., and Fairfax, et al., in which the celebrated John Marshall appeared as an attorney on the Fairfax side. (11) Gabriel Jones, from whom Charles Buck purchased land, was on the same Vestry with him. He was also one of the executors of the estate of Lord Fairfax, and one of the Burgesses for Frederick County. (12) (13) (14). Chester Gap in the Blue Ridge Mountain above Front Royal perpetuates the name of still another grantor to Charles Buck.

By his will, Charles Buck specifically devised 3,894 acres of land in what is now Warren County, and also a one-half acre wharf lot, next to the public wharf, at Dumfries on Quantico Creek near the Potomac, and many of his land transactions are to be found in the records. (15). Unfortunately, the records do not contain an inventory of his estate, but his executor gave a bond in the amount of 2,000 pounds, a considerable sum for those days. By his will, he specifically bequeathed four negroes, and the family tradition has it that he was fond of hunting and racing, and that his jockey "Dick" was the first negro to cross the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The history of the large holdings of land in Virginia almost always indicate political maneuvering at Williamsburg, or favoritism on the part of Lord Fairfax's agent. And the Tidewater Virginians of that day were great land speculators. (16) (17) (18).

A notable exception to such methods of acquiring land was William Fairfax, and the difference was "that he paid for his lands", and so did our ancestor. (19)

We have seen that Charles Buck owned a Wharf lot at Dumfries, then a most important Scotch trading town on Quantico Creek, from whence ships sailed to Glasgow, whose merchants had founded the town. The Creek having silted up, is no longer navigable, and today the remains of a few houses are all that is left of a once important port. (20) (21) (22)

Just when Charles Buck moved to his lands over the Blue Ridge Mountains is uncertain, and for many years troubles with the Indians were serious, especially in 1735-56. (23) He was, however, commissioned a lieutenant of militia on August 20, 1751, and must have taken part in the Indian Wars. (24) The route in those days was by the Dumfries-Winchester Road, which, after leaving Dumfries, passed by George Neville's Ordinary (auburn), and thence past Joseph Neville's Ordinary (near Bethel), and thence through Salem (now Marshall) past Watt's Ordinary (Delaplane), and thence over the Blue Ridge Mountains at Ashby's Gap to White Post, near where Lord Fairfax lived at Greenway Court, and thence on to Winchester. (25) (26)

Charles Buck, therefore, was a man of standing. He was a Tuckahoe and not a Cowee. (27)

My brother, George G. Buck, after much careful reading and checking of the records, concludes that the first of our family to come to this country was Thomas Buck, who, on August 21, 1635, at the age of 17, sailed from Gravesend, England, in a vessel named "The George" (28) and that he was a grandson of Peter Buck of Rochester, who lived there in 1592. (29)

Peter Buck's grandfather was Sir Peter Buck of Rochester, and a copy of the family Coat of Arms is in the Library of Congress. My brother identifies the emigrant, Thomas Buck, as being the one who died at an early age and left a will dated in 1659. (30). He seems to be the same Thomas Buck(e) who died in 1659 and whose furniture is referred to in one of the standard works on the subject. (31) This Thomas Buck left a son Thomas, who died May 19, 1729. (32)

This son's name appears on the Kings Rent Roll of 1704 (33) as a land owner in York County. This second Thomas had a son also named Thomas (who executed his will as Thomas Buck, Jr.) who died in 1727 at the age of 45 years, leaving a will which mentions his children, Thomas, John, and Charles, and this Charles Buck, my brother concludes, is our ancestor and the land owner mentioned at the beginning of this sketch. (34)

In connection with these references to York County, it must be remembered that the original name of his county was Charles River County, and the York River, too, was then called Charles River.

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At his death in 1771 Charles Buck, as appears from his will, left three sons, John, Charles, and Thomas, and our branch of the family descends from Thomas, who, in 1795, built his mansion "Bel Air", which still stands on the edge of Happy Creek in Front Royal.

Thomas Buck has left in his own handwriting a sketch of his life in that "wild and savage country" and refers to "Indian fights" and other alarming events. Apparently at that time he had become quite religious and he also refers with some little moral elevation to his father, who "was a great sportsman and used to carry me off to horse races, of which I became very fond and in all probability should have followed his example had not the Lord arrested both him and myself in our mad career".

John, Charles and Thomas Buck, these three brothers, married respectively, Miriam, Mary and Anne Richardson, three sisters, the daughter of William Richardson, who moved to Frederick County, Maryland, from Anne Arundel County, Maryland, in 1751. In 1746 he married Isabella Calmes, the daughter of Marquis Calmes. (36) He died December 21, 1768, and his will was probated in Frederick County, Maryland.

The Richardsons were distinguished and influential residents of Anne Arundel County, and the grandfather of the above named William Richardson was the William Richardson who was a large landholder and the host to Lord Baltimore at the time of the conference with William Penn in 1682. His old home place on the West River is now owned by the Murray family (Woodstock) and he, with Richard Johns, Edward Talbott, and Samuel Galloway of the "Tulip Hill" family were the executors of the estate of Benjamin Lawrence, whose will was probated July 3, 1685. (37) (38) (39) This William Richardson's great grandson was the famous Col. William Richardson of the Eastern Shore Battalion, who led his troops at the battle of Harlem Heights. (40)

He, and other members of the Richardson Family, some of whom, as stated, moved from Anne Arundel County to Frederick County, Maryland (Buckeystown) were close friends of Thomas Johnson, first governor of the State of Maryland, and the man who proposed Washington For Commander-in-Chief of the Revolutionary Army at Cambridge. When Richardson was appointed Colonel, he automatically lost his seat in the Constitutional Convention, where he represented Caroline ~~East~~ County, and was succeeded in that position by his friend, Thomas Johnson, who had refused to continue to serve in the Convention because of the instructions of his constituents in Anne Arundel County. Johnson himself later moved to Frederick County. Colonel Richardson organized, and was the first Col. of the 5th Maryland Regiment, which he commanded until October 22, 1779, when he was wounded and returned to Maryland, (41) He was captured by the British and, together with Commodore Joshua Barney, was confined in the Old Mill Prison at Plymouth, England, from which they escaped, but were recaptured. (42) Colonel Richardson is buried at Gilpin Point near Denton. (43)

Isabella Calmes, the mother of the three Richardson women named above, was the daughter of Marquis Calmes, a French Huguenot. Linden Gap, in the Blue Ridge Mountains, was originally known as Calmes Gap and afterwards as Manassas Gap. (44) (45) (46) In the graveyard of the "Old Chapel" near Millwood is the tombstone of Isabella Calmes' mother, Minifred Waller Calmes, the wife of Marquis Calmes. This Marquis Calmes is said to have been the son of the emigrant Marquis de La Calmes, who came to Virginia in 1695. Col. Nathaniel Burwellof "Carter Hall" met him at Williamsburg, and conveyed to him the Vineyard Plantation, adjoining "Carter Hall", on the Shenandoah River. (47) This tombstone was removed from the "Vineyard Plantation" to the "Old Chapel" graveyard by Dr. Robert C. Randolph of "New Market". John Esten Cooke, the well-known Southern author, who wrote "Surry of Eagles Nest" and other Southern war stories, afterwards lived on the "Vineyard Plantation". (48) (49)

To return to our ancestor, Thomas Buck, we find him to have been a man of importance. He was a surveyor at the age of 18. At the age of 19, on Jan. 11, 1776, "Thomas Buck, Gentleman," was appointed by the "Committee of Safety for the Colony of Virginia" Lieutenant of a company of militia for the County of Dunmore (now Shenandoah County). His commission, of which I have a photostatic copy, is signed by Edmund Pendleton, John Page, Thomas Ludwell, P. Carrington and O. Dudley Digges. At the age of 21 he was a Magistrate, and on September 5, 1777, he was commissioned Captain of a company which he enlisted from the vicinity of Woodstock. The original roster of this company is on file in the Pension Office in Washington. (50) On May 8, 1793, he was appointed by Governor Henry Lee (Light Horse Harry Lee) Captain of a company in a Virginia militia regiment, and I also have a photostatic copy of that commission. He was also three times high sheriff of Frederick County, and in 1815 was a Special Delegate from that County to the Legislature. (51)

The town of Front Royal was laid out in 1788, and Thomas Buck was one of the original "Trustees". (52)

Thomas Buck was a large landholder in Frederick County, as shown by the county records. He also owned land in Augusta County, Virginia, and in Greenbrier County (now West Virginia).

One of the children of Thomas Buck and Anne Richardson was William Richardson Buck, who married Lucy Neville Blakemore, and one of their children was Marcus (Marquis) Blakemore Buck, my grandfather, who married Jane Letitia Bayly.

My grandmother, Jane Letitia Bayly, the daughter of Dr. William Mountjoy Bayly, who lived at Strasburg, was a granddaughter of Pierce Bayly, one of the leading citizens of Loudoun County and a friend of George Washington. The Pierce Bayly line goes back to Capt. William Pierce, an important man in the early colony of Virginia, who came to Jamestown in the "Sea Venture" in 1609 - his daughter, Jane, being the third wife of John Rolfe. (53) (54)

The Mountjoy (incorrectly spelled Montjoy by some of the family) Bayly connection has never been thoroughly explored. But it is interesting to know that four of the Mountjoys attended at Leedstown in February, 1766, with Richard Henry Lee and other gentlemen of Westmoreland County, and participated in the adoption of the first set of resolutions which led to the Declaration of Independence and to the Revolutionary War, that one of the Mountjoys was a Vestryman of aquia Church, and that one of them built at the mouth of Richland Run, in 1705, the first tobacco house above the Falls of the Rappahannock. (55) (56) (57) (58)

The origin of the Blakemore and Neville families is unexplored. Captain George Blakemore served in the Revolutionary Army and his brother, Thomas, was killed at the battle of Brandywine. The remains of the old Blakemore and Neville Houses can be found back of the Fair Grounds near Berryville. Nearby at "Soldiers Rest" lived General Daniel Morgan, and General Presley Morgan Neville married his daughter. (59) And the Nevilles and Calmes also intermarried and George Neville's daughter, Susan, married Richard Hampton of Georgia. (60) (61)

Our family, too, is connected with the Huguenot family of Mauzy. Colonel Henry Mauzy and George Washington were engaged together in making a survey of Lord Fairfax's lands in the Northern Neck. His daughter, Elizabeth, married Captain George Blakemore, and their daughter, Lucy, married William R. Buck, and their son, John, married Letitia Buck. John Mauzy laid off the town of Salem (now Marshall), in Fauquier County, in 1797. (62) (63)

My grandfather, Marcus Blakemore Buck, was an interesting and well read man. He was the first person to introduce the planting of fruit on a large scale into the valley. His home, "Belmont", now in a state of dilapidation, stands on the mountain above Front Royal, the property being owned by the United States Government. After the Civil War, my grandfather moved to Fauquier County, living on a farm about a mile below Warrenton on the north side of the Alexandria turnpike.

In my boyhood days we spent many pleasant summers on that old farm near Warrenton. What an interesting town Warrenton was! It had a bar which in point of ability was superior to the bars in many of the large cities today. (64)

The first building erected in Warrenton was Alexander Cunningham's "Red Front Store", it being a Scotch outpost for the town of Dumfries, on Quantico Creek. (65) The town of Warrenton was laid out by Richard Henry Lee, son of the great Thomas Lee of Stratford. (66)

My father, Richard Bayly Buck, was a gallant soldier in the Confederate Army, entering the service when he was barely 17 years of age and seeing four years of hard campaigning. He was a lieutenant in Company B, 17th Virginia Infantry, and was severely wounded at Dinwiddie Court House just before the surrender at Appomattox. (67). After the Civil War he moved to Baltimore, where he was a successful and popular man. Together with other Virginians, he joined the Athenaeum Club, of which the distinguished lawyer, Severn Teackle Wallis, was President. He lived at 1228 St. Paul Street (then known as No. 230), where his Widow, my mother (nee Laura Elma Grafflin), still lives.

My Uncle, William Walter Buck, for whom I was named, was a lieutenant in Company E, 7th Virginia Cavalry. He was killed in a cavalry charge at

Upperville and the late Governor O'Ferrall of Virginia, who was in the same regiment with him, has recorded a wonderful tribute to him as a typical Southern cavalryman who "had been trained by Ashby the first year of the war and had won his lieutenants spurs by his chivalry and daring," concluding that "he added a leaf to the laurel wreath of the Bucks whose members in the Confederate Army were many, everyone of whom was entitled to a medal of honor" (68)

And so we come to my brothers, George G. Buck and Laurance M. Buck, owners of a successful manufacturing plant in the city of Baltimore.

Returning once more to our ancestor, Thomas Buck, it will be remembered that he had two brothers, John and Charles. Colonel John Buck moved to Kentucky and settled at Versailles; the D. A. R. Chapter in that place being named for his brother-in-law, Colonel Calmes. He had been a Magistrate for Frederick County and an original acknowledgment signed by him, in a fine handwriting, was recently given to me, and in turn I gave it to his descendant, Dr. Jefferies Buck, of Roland Park, Baltimore.

Colonel John Buck is buried in the cemetery at Lexington, Kentucky. One of Colonel Buck's sons, Charles Buck, was engaged with Henry Lee (Light Horse Harry Lee), in running a grist mill in Westmoreland County, Virginia, and also in land transactions there. (69)

Colonel John Buck's son, William Richardson Buck, was a student at Princeton, when the war of 1812 began. He became a midshipman in the Navy and was the first man to board the "Epervier" in the ship duel with the "Peacock" off the coast of Wales. For this exploit he was voted a sword by Congress which is still in the possession of his family. (70)

His son also went to Princeton, being in the class of 1856 and later being an officer in the Confederate Army. His grandson, Lieutenant William Buck, of the Navy, was, according to an article in the Baltimore Sun, "one of the three officers awarded special medals for heroic conduct during the Spanish War."

Lieutenant Buck's brother is the well-known physician of Baltimore, Dr. Jeffries Buck, mentioned above.

And so we come to Charles Buck, the last of the three brothers. He lived at "Buckton", near Waterlick, where the old Buck family graveyard is; protected by a stone wall. This graveyard is referred to by Dr. Humphries Peakes' daughter, who records her father's burial there. (71)

Charles' Buck line is represented today by Gordon M. Buck, a ~~sixtime~~ distinguished lawyer, who married the daughter of the famous Confederate General, Joseph Wheeler of Alabama. Gordon M. Buck at one time was general counsel of the Southern Pacific Railway and today is practicing law in the city of New York.

And so, having carried out my intention of writing this sketch of the family, I leave to some other person in the future the task of writing the history of the family, if at that time the accomplishments of the family shall warrant it.

WALTER H. BUCK

Buckton II,
Brooklandville,
Baltimore County, Maryland
October, 1936

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ADDENDA - PIERCE-BAYLY

Prepared by S. A. McCarthy of Washington, D. C., in 1927.

I

Captain William Pierce came from England in the "Sea Venture", 1609; his wife was Jane -----; settled in Jamestown; was a foremost man in the colony; his daughter, Jane, was the third wife of John Rolfe.

II

Col. William Pierce; married Sarah Underwood; lived in Northumberland and Westmoreland Counties. Prominent and wealthy; large land holdings.

III

Sarah Pierce married Samuel Bayly. He was married four times; she was his second wife. Earliest record of him is in Northumberland County, 1669. He was a prominent and successful lawyer; lived in Richmond County; died 1710.

IV

Samuel Bayly, ~~1691~~ 1691-1727; married Elizabeth Baker. They were ancestors of President Zachary Taylor and General J. E. B. Stuart. Lived in Richmond County.

V

William Bayly, 1715-1782. Married Mary Hampton. She was of the family from which the Wade Hamptons of South Carolina descended. Lived in Fairfax County.

VI

Pierce Bayly, 1740-1800. Married Mary Payne, 1st, and Mary -----, 2d. Lived in Loudoun County; had twelve children:
1st marriage William Pierce, married Mary Lester.

- ✓ Meriah, married Israel Lacy
- ✓ John, married Mary-----
- ✓ Anne, married ----- Drake.
- ✓ George, married Mary Ann Buck.
- ✓ Pierce, died intestate before 1806.
- ✓ Dr. William Mountjoy, married Mary R. Buck. Apparently was called
- ✓ Mountjoy in his father's will.
- ✓ Robert Pierce, moved to Kentucky before 1812.
- ✓ Mary Payne, married Samuel Buck
- ✓ Leah, married ----- Hutchinson.
- ✓ Susannah, married William A. Rodgers. Moved to West Virginia.
- ✓ Samuel, married Mary Elizabeth Green.

2d marriage- Albert, married 1st, Sarah ----. 2d, Mary Buck. Move to West Va.

VII

Jane Letitia Ann Bay^{ly}, married Marcus Blakemore Buck.

VIII

Richard Bayly Buck, married Laura Elma Grafflin

IX

- (a) George Grafflin Buck, married Julia Newton Cochran.
- (b) Walter Hooper Buck, married Helen Elise Vogeler.
- (c) Laurance Mountjoy Buck, married Mary Elizabeth Pue.
- (d) Letitia Neville Buck, married M. L. Dawson Lee.

X

- (a) Richard Bayly Buck.
John Cochran Buck
Julia Robinson Buck
- (b) William Grafflin Buck, married Muriel Dulany Steele.
Walter Bayly Buck, married Caroline Pattison Cromwell.
- (c) Georgia Grafflin Buck, married Bernard Joseph Ridder.
- (d) Hannah Tyson Lee.
Laura Grafflin Lee married William Parker Neilson.
Letitia Neville Lee.
M. L. Dawson Lee, Jr.

Nat'l No. 50016

Application

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THE NATIONAL SOCIETY
of the
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

I, Walter H. Buck, being of the age 52 years, hereby apply for membership in this society by right of lineal descent in the following line from THOMAS BUCK who was born in FREDERICK COUNTY, VA., on the _____ day of _____, 1756, and died in FREDERICK COUNTY, VA., on the _____ day of _____, 1842, and who assisted in establishing American Independence.

I was born in BALTIMORE COUNTY of State of MARYLAND on the 14th day of APRIL, 1878.

(1) I am the son of RICHARD BAYLY BUCK born 1844, died 1888, and his wife LAURA ELMA GRAFFLIN born 1854, living, married 1873. (2) grandson of MARCUS B. BUCK born 1816, died 1882, and his wife JANE LETITIA BAYLY born 1820, died 1897, married 1840. (3) great-grandson of WILLIAM RICHARDSON BUCK born 1776, died 1823, and his wife LUCY NEVILLE BLAKEMORE born 1775, died 1859, married 1802. (4) great-great-grandson of THOMAS BUCK born 1756, died 1842 and his wife ANNE RICHARDSON born 1756, died 1823, married 1774. (5) great-great-great-grandson of CHARLES BUCK born ? , died 1771, and his wife LETITIA SORRELL born ? , died ? , married 1749. (6) great-great-great-grandson of THOMASBUCK, MINOR, born 1682, died 1728, and his wife UNKNOWN born ? , died ? , married ? . (7) great 5 grandson of THOMAS BUCK OF YORK, born 1649, died 1729 and his wife ELIZABETH WOODING and he, the said THOMAS BUCK (no. 4) is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of CAPTAIN OF BUCK'S MINUTE MEN * ROSTER ON FILE IN ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON

Date November 14, 1930.

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